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TOWN WILL REBUILD

BUSINESS HOUSES LOST IN FIRE TO START UP AGAIN

Drug Store, Andrews, Perras
and Lodge All Planning to
Resume in Their Old
Locations.

Work of rebuilding that section of Cascade Locks business district which was destroyed in Monday night's disastrous fire has been started by property owners. All business firms which suffered losses and were temporarily wiped out expect to resume, either in new locations or on the site of their former locations.

The Cascade Drug company has opened a store in the lobby of the Lakeside hotel, and Otto Becker's Blue Moon cafe is serving the public in a small building thrown up within 48 hours after the fire by volunteer labor.

R. E. Andrews and Silver E. Perras, heaviest losers in the fire due to their shortage of insurance, expect to reestablish themselves.

The Odd Fellows, with \$3000 insurance on their building, will either rebuild or dispose of their lot to individuals who will rebuild.

The postoffice, after being housed in the Lober building for two days, moved to John Wirrick's new building at the west end of Main street and is serving the public.

Otto Becker had \$2500 insurance on his cafe. It will enable him to erect a building on his property, and he expects to have a better restaurant than before the fire.

Don Francis, manager of the Cascade Drug company, owns the lot on the corner just west of the Odd Fellows. If the lodge does not commence rebuilding at once he will start work on his proposed new building. However, if the lodge puts up a new building immediately the drug store will occupy it.

Plans are under way for a new building on Fifth street, directly up the hill south of Merrill's dance hall, which will provide quarters for Lucille Henderson's beauty parlor and for Dr. E. H. Berger's office.

The fire has stimulated rather than dampened the spirits of people who would build business property in Cascade Locks, and indications are that plans for new buildings in different locations will be announced almost daily during the next week.

Losses from the fire are estimated at \$40,000, with insurance running to about half that sum. These figures include the Clark home and the Catholic church, neither of which was covered by insurance.

The Andrews store, with a stock of \$8000, had \$2000 insurance; the Lakeview market, where a heavy loss of stock occurred, was protected by \$400 insurance; the drug store had \$4000 to \$5000 insurance. Silver Perras had been negotiating for insurance but did not close for it before the fire, so he lost everything including building and fixtures.

The fire, originating in a fireworks concession stand immediately west of the drug store, was prevented from destroying the entire town by the hardest kind of work on the part of volunteer workers, the Hood River fire department and The Dalles fire department. A hard west wind swept sparks and embers for blocks, and several homes were afire one or more times but with the exception of the Clark home owners were able to save them.

Merrymakers celebrating the Fourth of July holidays were dancing in Merrill's dance hall and watching the wrestling matches in the new outdoor arena at the east end of town, when the explosion in the fireworks

OUR TOWN

NOBLE F. HYDE

Do I hear you complain of the wind and the rain,
And the overcast skies in the Gorge?
Then: Stop, look and listen; Hear those Steam-shovels hissin';
The clang of the anvil; The glow of the forge.
And the thud of the drills as they sink in the hills.
The scrape of the earth-moving clam;
The bang of the hammer: That's organized clamor
Where they're building the Bonneville Dam.

Though the skies are not sunny, the towns' in the money.
We are one of the World's busy spots,
And places, which last year, were used for cow pasture
Are now sub-divided and selling as lots.
A lumberyard stands to occupy lands
That once were a sad, city dump.
And Fords, Cheves and Dodges now crowd our garages,
For repairs, or for gas at the pump.

Each day there arrives, new business which thrives.
We will soon be the town of the River.
Though there's no use of telling, the Butcher is selling,
Each week a car-load of pork, beef and liver.
And, "Bills Red and White," closes later at night.
There are five busy clerks now at "Bobs".
Cars clutter our roads as they carry their loads
Of men to the various jobs.

We've a "hard-liquor store", and just next door,
Is "Oscars" for ties, shirts and socks.
And lining the street are places to eat—
No one goes hungry in Cascade Locks.
While the Odd Fellows Hall, which we thought due to fall,
(For this, I must answer to Frank),
Now is the heart of the town's busy Mart.
It is said: We will soon have a Bank.

It was not long ago, as a lot of us know,
We rolled up the sidewalks at dark.
Activities ended and silence descended
Except an occasional lonesome hound's bark—
And the roar of the Gorge matched the snore of the Norge,
To rumble the slumberous gloom.
Or a dim, shaded light would startle the night,
Like an earth-wormish glow in a tomb.

But now, every night, the town is a-light,
Long after midnight has come.
There is sound of revelle from Bar and Hotel,
To the moan of the Sax' and the throb of the Drum—
They are opening barrels at The Rapids and Merrells
So fast (Um! my throat is getting dry),
That the makers of brew have all they can do,
To keep the town in supply.

Have you heard of the dance—with each ticket a chance,
On a bee-utiful, brand new car?
Boy! you'd better be there, with your lady fair,
For they're coming from near and a-far.
Put on your best 'fronts', we only live once,
And come have a time "What am!"
For, to us, the "Depression, is just an expression,
In this place, where the Nation, 'Gives a Dam(n)'"

stand occurred shortly after 9 o'clock.

The Portland fire department refused to send aid, but pumps were rushed from Hood River and The Dalles. The pumper at Herman creek ranger station was at Zig Zag and did not appear until after midnight, but the station sent in other equipment.

Hundreds of people in nearby towns turned out, and practically the entire camp at Bonneville came up following appeals by telephone for help.

The Odd Fellows hall went first. It was afire in the second floor before work of fighting the flames could be organized. From the lodge hall it spread to S. E. Perras' meat market, then to the Blue Moon cafe and the Clark home.

A tree standing between the Clark home and the Perras home, next door, served as a firewall and helped block the flames.

A group of trees standing just east of the Catholic church also served as a firewall and enabled the fire fighters to bring the flames under control.

The two-inch mains provided quite a volume of water, and were instrumental in holding the fire back after it had gutted the Odd Fellows hall, but the fire was not whipped until 41 inch hose lines were laid to the river and the pumps got in their work.

The first 4-inch lines were laid to the little creek just east of the We-Ask-U-Inn. It provided water for one of the pumps.

METHODIST CHURCH SENDS REGULAR PASTOR TO LOCKS

Rev. E. F. Smith of Newport has been appointed to fill the pulpit in the Methodist Community church of Cascade Locks. He held services last Sunday morning, participated in the sacred program in the park in the evening and left for the coast to bring his family to the Bonneville dam area. Selection of Rev. Mr. Smith was made at the annual conference in Portland two weeks ago. Through an error in the conference reports it was announced that the Cascade Locks church was to be supplied. The report should have read that the vacancy here was to be filled.

The new pastor will not be in Cascade Locks to fill the pulpit this next Sunday, but will hold services morning and evening July 15. He made a very favorable impression upon people whom he met during his first visit here and there is every reason to believe that he will fit snugly into the community life of this district. He had retired from active service in church work but was called back when it became imperative that Cascade Locks be provided with a pastor, now that the dam is bringing in a heavy influx of people to this territory.

Let the Chronicle handle your next job of printing.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT BONNEVILLE

VISITOR COMES TO LOCKS IN MODEL-T, HOME IN PLYMOUTH

Despite the fire, Cascade Locks enjoyed a happy Fourth and did not sign off and go to bed until the early hours of Thursday morning.

The new Plymouth sedan, purchased from Gerrabrant Brothers in Hood River, went to Dolph Vandever, an employe of the Bissenger company, Troutdale. He drove to the celebration in a Model T Ford and rolled home in luxurious ease behind the wheel of his prize.

The streets were crowded on the evening of the Fourth, as they had been crowded throughout the day. Events, including the log rolling contest, the baseball games, the fight and the wrestling match, the old time sports, the dance at Merrill's new dance hall and the fireworks, were carried out as scheduled. Earlier in the day Senator Joe E. Dunne, republican candidate for governor, spoke in the park.

The 4-day celebration, which started last Saturday night when Jane Geitner was chosen to rule as queen, went the full four days, although badly disrupted by Monday night's fire. The Saturday night dance and the election of the queen drew a big crowd, but the Sunday night band concert in the park did not attract a great deal of attention.

Miss Geitner won her position as queen by a narrow margin over Helyn Merrill, Eva Bates, Myrtle Daniels, Clara Nix and Silvia Spicer.

Throughout the day on the Fourth boys and girls were encouraged to shoot firecrackers on the government reservation, and there is indication that all enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. May Silvia, proprietor of the Bridge of the Gods hotel, has just completed a new bar in the public room and is preparing to hold a formal opening Wednesday night. She has laid in two kegs of beer for the fore part of the evening and while they last the drinks will be on the house.

The hotel has not heretofore served beer, although Mrs. Silvia did have a temporary license some months ago before the state liquor control commission was organized.

Mrs. Silvia has obtained an orchestra for Wednesday evening and is inviting the public on both sides of the river to join her in making a pleasant evening of it Wednesday.

After 13 months in Oregon, 28 boys from the triple "C" camp at Wyeth boarded a special troop train in Cascade Locks Monday on the first leg of their return journey to homes in central Illinois. Brown as berries and healthy as soldiers, the boys had finished their enlistments and upon their native heath will be mustered out of service. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed their stay in the west, said they wanted to go home but would like to come back after a visit with their parents.

The troop train consisted of 350 men, gathered up from different camps. It reached Cascade Locks shortly before 2 o'clock and was filled with young men who had been picked up in the numerous camps scattered over the state.

Within a week or ten days the vacancies caused in camps by the discharge of the boys who are going home will be filled with other recruits who will be coming west for a six-months stretch on the government payroll. There are about 70 berths to fill at Wyeth.

J. R. Shaw, former chief of police at Klamath Falls, is now making his home in Cascade Locks. His three sons and a daughter are with him. He has expressed the opinion that there is a splendid opportunity for investments in the capital of the Bonneville Dam area.

Mrs. Hill Wins Case.

Mrs. E. Bell Hill's property on the bluff overlooking the dam at Bonneville is worth \$75,000, a jury in the United States district court in Portland agreed Friday. The army engineers had offered her \$25,600. She had asked \$100,000. Governor Meier, called to the stand as a witness for the defense in the case, told the court that he considered the property worth more than Mrs. Hill asked for it.

Mrs. Hill has one of the most attractive flower gardens in the state on her estate. The grounds are beautifully terraced, and she has spent much time and money in developing the property.

Present plans provide for razing the hill to make way for the railroad right-of-way. Rock taken from the property will be used in riprapping the mountain side above the railroad cut on Ruckle slide.

A HELPING HAND

Good season and bad "Bob" Andrews and Silver have helped people when help was needed. The Bonneville dam area has come to appreciate them.

Monday night's fire wiped both out of business. Both have the sympathy of the entire community. But it would be a nice thing if the sympathy could take concrete form—if all to whom they have extended a helping hand, if those who have benefitted through their kindness and liberality, could put their expressions of sympathy into concrete form.

It has been suggested that every man in the district give a day toward helping erect new buildings and aiding them in reestablishing themselves.

And it would be nice, too, if everyone to whom "Bob" Andrews and Silver Perras have extended credit could make a special effort to liquidate those accounts at the earliest possible moment. Many have hurried in to settle accounts, and we believe others will take pleasure in balancing the books.

If any person can't donate a day's labor toward erecting new buildings, would it not be possible for all to employ a man for a day?

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT DAM AUGUST FIRST

Address Will Be Broadcast to
World Over National Hookup
Huge Audience to Hear
Him Speak.

President Roosevelt, now on a hard earned vacation, will speak at Bonneville August 1, immediately following his return to the mainland from Hawaii. Plans are being made by government and state officials to take care of an immense crowd of people who will pour into the Bonneville dam area to see and hear the nation's chief executive at the close of his administration.

Congressman Charles H. Martin, democratic candidate for governor, will accompany the president to Bonneville and be given an opportunity to address the public.

Col. E. W. Starbuck, of the United States secret service, was in Bonneville Sunday, accompanied by the safety of the president and making plans for handling the crowds. He was accompanied by William S. MacSwain, secret service agent in charge at Portland, and William R. Jarrell, secret service agent in charge at Seattle.

The president will land at Portland upon his return from Hawaii, and after a brief talk will come on to Bonneville. Details of the hour of his talk, the hour of his arrival and departure and the day's program in general have not been given to the public yet, but it is known that he expects to go from here to Gillee dam up near Spokane. From there he will travel east over the Great Northern railroad to Fort Peck dam in Montana. His visit to the Pacific Northwest will give him an opportunity to observe at first hand the progress being made on three major projects, involving an expenditure of more than \$100,000,000.

People all over Oregon, Washington and Idaho are talking of the president's forthcoming visit to Bonneville area and it is anticipated that a crowd of 50,000 will gather to see and hear him speak. It is not yet known on location where the speaker stand will be erected, but in all probability will be put up on Bradford island. The space at Bonneville threatens to be the greatest problem, but the government is already moving to solve this situation.

The president is invited to visit Cascade Locks and become acquainted with conditions throughout the district. A meeting has been called for Thursday at the Bridge of the Gods hotel to organize the people of the district for the president's appearance at Bonneville. It will be the greatest occasion in history of the Mid-Columbia section and every effort will be exerted to see that he is fittingly entertained.

Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce will cooperate with the president's aids in making his visit a most pleasant one. The Portland, Hood River and The Dalles chambers of commerce have been asked to send representatives to the meeting Thursday night for the purpose of organizing a concerted program. Present plans provide for a special train, carry the president to Bonneville from Portland. Those in charge itinerary will be asked to direct the president up the river over way to Cascade Locks and on to river to Hood River a