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## AFTERMATH OF LAKEVIEW'S BIG FIRE!

### New Lakeview Appears in All Her Radiant Grandeur to Bid Defiance to the Elements, a Fitting Monument to Citizen Enterprise.

### LIKE BANQUO'S GHOST WE WOULD NOT DOWN

### Lakeview Retains its Claim to the Most Important Little City in Southeastern Oregon and Northern California, in Enterprise and Commerce and Native Wealth.

"Richard is himself again!"  
Like Banquo's Ghost we would not down.

Like Phoenix of old Lakeview has arisen from her ashes.  
It will be five months next Monday evening, October 22d, at 8:45 o'clock, since Lakeview was visited by the greatest catastrophe ever known in her history, and the worst calamity that ever befell any little city of its size on the Pacific Slope.

At that time the dreadful cry of "fire!" sent consternation to the hearts of our townspeople. Long had the inevitable been expected, and it came at a time when fully five hundred of our citizens, men, women and children were huddled together in the big opera house, where a Republican meeting was in progress. It was the winding up of the campaign of last June when Oregon chose her Congressmen and minor officials. The brass band had just finished a soul-stirring piece of music, when the dreadful word of four alphabetical letters rang out in clarion tones above the din, clamor and whisperings of hundreds of voices. Systematically did the crowd find egress from the big hall, cautioned by cool heads to prevent a crush, and within a few minutes the people were safely outside, and hundreds of brave hearts were battling with the flames and saving property from destruction.

It was soon evident that the entire business portion of Lakeview was doomed to become a victim to the fire demon, and so it happened—in two hours and thirty minutes the flames had lapped up two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of property, and left the main part of town a smoldering mass of ruin and many people homeless.

There were incidents that night to make the stoutest hearts quail and try the nerves of horny-fisted men. Nothing was thought of these occurrences at the time for excitement was at fever heat. Only the efforts of a few brave men, who could stand torture, saved the town on the north also from total destruction. The air current was favorable to the fire god, and the latter, fanned by the strong breeze from the mountain canyons, seemed to laugh at the puny efforts of man in the unequal contest for supremacy. Not until the fire had burned itself out for want of matter to consume was the remainder of the town known to be safe.

That was five months ago, when Lakeview's citizens stood like Nero of old, who fiddled while Rome burned, and saw the flames roll heavenward, a grand pyrotechnic display for the hour—then a blackened mass of decay; only our people did not fiddle as Nero did—they worked like Trojans to defeat a monster.

And look at Lakeview to-day! Within the few short months, attended by many adverse circumstances and unavoidable inconveniences, a wonderful transformation has taken place. Where stood the gloomy ruins now stand solid brick blocks, the wonder of man's skill and living monuments to the enterprise of proud citizens. We are in the midst of a great awakening. Our streets are being adorned with valuable and lasting improvements. There is a friendly spirit of rivalry in the air, each builder vying to outdo the other, which speaks volumes for the growing little city. And why not? The town that takes pride in its buildings, widening its boundary, swelling its volume of business and making itself felt as a factor in developing the country, deserves and wins the approbation of the busy world about it.

New Lakeview is advancing rapidly cityward and heads the procession in Southeastern Oregon and Northeastern California, and is only getting up a momentum that will carry her out and beyond all competitors. It is no "boom," but a substantial, steady growth—a reviving spirit of enterprise, an increase in commerce and display of native wealth. In the rebuilding of Lakeview no outside capital was asked to assist, and New Lakeview stands to-day the wealthiest town of its size—in the best county—in the whole State of Oregon.

In the big conflagration sixty-four buildings were destroyed, many of them big merchandise stores with immense stocks of goods. Before the dense smoke from the ruins had cleared away many new temporary buildings were erected; the several sawmills adjacent were taxed to their fullest capacity in turning out lumber, and for weeks—and to this day—the hammer and saw of the artisan continue to make merry music. And the building boom will continue far into the year 1901. While it was a calamity from which it will take some of our people an indefinite time to recover, still, we all feel that it was inevitable—sure to come at some time or other—and there is a satisfaction in knowing that the firebox in which the flames started is out of sight forever, and will no longer be a menace to the town and the improvement thereof; it is also a satisfaction that we have a better and more substantial town than ever—a town whose citizens may well feel proud of. One thing of adornment, comfort and beauty that will be missed for years to come is the lines of beautiful and majestic shade trees that stood in the scope of the fire whirlwind, and which will take years to replace.

Among the new structures, built of brick on the old sites, are eight store buildings by B. Daly.

One fine store building for Geo. H. Ayres & Co., and a smaller one for Hart & Beach by J. Frankl.

A beautiful hotel, 80x50 feet, three-story, by Miller, Lane & Dewey.

The Lakeview Bank; Monogram building for Ahlstrom Bros., by Lakeview Bank.

Frame building by the late N. P. Tonningesen.

Big frame store building to be covered by compressed iron by Bailey & Massingill.

A frame store building by J. W. Howard.

Brick store by C. U. Snider and brick building by Dick Wilcox for postoffice, now nearing completion.

A large frame building by C. U. Snider.

Two frame buildings covered with compressed iron by George Jammertthal.

A frame saddlery to be covered with compressed iron by Schlagel.

Frame saloon building by Cobb Henkle.

Brick butcher shop adjoining the big hotel, by F. M. Miller.

Frame saloon building by Whorton & Fitzpatrick and numerous other small frame buildings for temporary use.

This is on Water street. On Main street J. S. Field has completed a fine brick building, the second story of which was built by the I. O. O. F. of Lakeview for a hall. Mr. Field will occupy the first floor with a big stock of general merchandise; another frame store building, now used by Mr. Field, was built soon after the fire, as was also a warehouse.

T. J. Majilton erected a new frame building for his hardware business.

S. F. Ahlstrom, the caddler, rebuilt his brick building on the old site.

The Masonic Lodge rebuilt their large

two-story frame building, which is to be covered with compressed iron, to represent stone. The first floor of this building is now The Examiner office, and the second story is Masonic Hall.

Mrs. C. A. Knox has purchased the ground upon which stood the Cottage Hotel, and it is the intention in the spring to erect a fine building thereon.

The ground where the big brewery building and old drug store stood is still unimproved, but probably will be next spring.

The I. O. O. F. lot is still vacant, but is for sale, and will likely be sold and improved at an early date.

Thomas Handley has constructed a new carpenter shop on the lot where once stood the bowling alley, and there are other small buildings scattered about to be used as temporary quarters.

The town of Lakeview will soon commence the building of a fine town hall and jail on the lot where the old one stood.

On the corner lot, where once stood the old Hopkins House, a fine brick building will be erected in the spring by

stood, for a big brick saloon for Post & King. Numerous other buildings are contemplated and will no doubt be erected early next year.

The building up of the entire business portion of Lakeview within a few months is phenomenal. It is an evidence that our people have faith in the stability and future progressiveness of the town. The indications are that a railroad will soon reach Lakeview and in that event the town will no doubt take on a marvelous growth.

The town will soon have improved facilities for water for both domestic and fire purposes, as well as an electric light plant to be conducted by the city. The two newspapers, the Rustler and the Examiner have both been re-established on the old lines, and somewhat improved, and those who know themselves indebted to the newspaper workers could do a good turn and call down upon their heads the blessing of a fraternity that is an important factor in the up-building of town and county, by paying their accounts. The friends of this paper have been generous with us, since the loss of our plant, and we have

ses to stand by them at all times for the future welfare, up building and advancement of the town, as well as to continue to labor for the best interests, and development of the resources of Lake county.

## LOTS OF JOY

### The Great Cake Walk by Some Local Artists

#### COMPLETE FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Vocal Duet, "Songs of Seven," Walkin' For Dat Cake," and Miss Miller's Coon Song Were Well Received.

The entertainment given at the opera house last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid was largely attended and was heartily enjoyed. The receipts of the evening were \$113, which leaves a very neat sum net for the church people.

Misses Mae Miller and Mae Snider sang very sweetly, "Home, Sweet Home."

"Songs of Seven" was well read by Miss Lillie Walters and the various characters were represented by two little Misses, Bernice Massingill and Marie Beach; Meadames Wilshire and Dodeon, and Misses Mae Snider and Minnie Cannon.

The cake walk was the interesting feature of the entertainment, as all had been anxious a week prior to the occasion to see the "swell coons" walk for dat cake. While there was a decided lack of grace in some of the movements it was made up for in the fun created. Mr. Smith is certainly a very graceful cake walker, and one could readily see that he had walked for sweet things before. The "fat coon" did not get action enough until he warmed up in the second heat. "Smallbones" walked as if he was going to get the cake at all hazards, and the tall coon from Portland with his dainty little gal was near the cake on various occasions. The "Colonel" showed that he was close up to the celebrated "Majah Wattas" in grace and symmetry of motion and his partner was with him and hard to beat. The fat coon's partner, late of Chico, was a pretty and graceful little wench and if she had been given better support might have taken the cake. Bro. Smith's partner was trained to the hour and many thought this couple would carry off the honors. "Smallbones" partner was a graceful little dancer, full of poetry, but timid, as "Smallbones" acted like he wanted to carve some coon with his big razor. But everybody took off their hats, bowed, and took a back seat when the two coons from South Lakeview got in motion. Everybody knew they were winners from the start. Such poetry of motion, such grace and elegance was never before seen on a Lakeview stage—and Mr. Bieber and Mrs. Miller were awarded the cake. It will be no use for Senator Hamden to try any new steps next Monday evening—the South Lakeview couple are "eclipsers."

Miss Miller's coon song was well done and heartily applauded. The refreshment booths were well patronized as was also the fortunate telling tent of Mme Zerda.

As a whole, the Saturday evening entertainment was well enjoyed.

The Judges were Col. Cogswell, Hon. B. B. Beckman and Hon. A. S. Hammond, who created considerable merriment by their friendly sallies. Judge Benson was master of ceremonies and acted the part well.



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## Two Dollars a Year

With this issue The Examiner goes out to its readers as an eight-page newspaper, and it is the purpose to make it in the future a local interior paper second to none in the State of Oregon. Our purpose is to enlarge our subscription list to such an extent as to justify still greater improvements, and give our patrons a newspaper that they may feel proud to call their "Home Paper." With this idea in view we have reduced the price of subscription to Two Dollars per annum. Those who have paid in advance at the \$2.50 rate will have their time extended and given credit for the extra fifty cents. The publishers of this paper have gone to heavy expense in fitting up the new plant and big power press, and hope to obtain many new subscribers as a source of assistance. We are not making any plea for sympathy in asking for new subscribers; we lost as heavily in the fire in proportion as anybody else in town, but we expect to live long enough in Lakeview to recover from the embarrassment occasioned by the conflagration. We expect to give value received for every two dollars paid to us for a year's subscription and for every dollar paid us for advertising.

\* Send in your new subscriptions, accompanied by \$2.00, and get for a year a paper worth every cent of it.

A. McCallen.  
In the seven brick store structures built for B. Daly the following well known business men are either located or will locate within two weeks: H. C. Rothe & Co., general merchandise; Lee Beall, drug store; S. Reynolds, general merchandise; Lakeview Drug Co.; H. Schminck, hardware; S. R. Sublette & Co., furniture.

In the big hotel will be located the general merchandise store of A. Bieber and the tonsorial parlor and bath house of A. Devine.

Ground is already broken on the corner lot, where the Rustler office

no fault to find, though there are some on our list who might assist us who have not yet come forward. The Examiner has a new and improved plant, with a big power press, and is prepared to issue a better paper than ever to its readers. The Examiner appears this week in new form, eight pages instead of four as formerly, and we hope the change will please our patrons as well as it pleases us. The price of this paper has been reduced to two dollars per year.

The Examiner wishes to congratulate the business men of Lakeview on their pluck, energy and enterprise, and promi-