

OLD LANDMARK OF CITY GOES UP IN FLAMES

Prominent Business Corner
Is in Ruins.

BLAZE EARLY TODAY

Cool Headed and Efficient Work of
Fire Department Saves Untold
Loss to This City—Structure Erected
Forty Years Ago Burns With
Adjacent Buildings, With Loss of
\$60,000.

The American Hotel, one of the oldest landmarks in the city of Klamath Falls and the building on the corner of Seventh and Main Streets is today a heap of smoldering ruins as a result of a fire which broke out between four and five o'clock this morning in the kitchen of the Rex Cafe, which occupied part of the building.

John Dixon, one of the occupants of the Hotel, was badly burned and is in bed today at the Washington Rooming House suffering acutely from serious injuries on his face, hands and feet. He is a stranger in the city having come here a few days ago from Weed. He is attended by Dr. A. A. Soule.

The loss of the buildings and to the rest of the occupants is conservatively estimated at \$60,000, approximately half to the owners of the structures and half to the occupants. A. A. Bellman, owner of the American Hotel and one of the heaviest losers, believes that about one fourth of the entire loss is covered by insurance. Ross Nickerson, who had just completed the complete renovation and addition to his Cafe to the value of several thousand dollars will face a loss of over \$12,000 with something over \$3,000 insurance.

R. J. Hammond, who conducted a delicatessen and grocery store near the corner suffers a loss of between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Mrs. Jessie Jones, a sister of Mrs. J. C. Breckenbrough of this city was the owner of the corner structure occupied by the M. Moschenbacher second hand and the Davenport Jewelry store on the ground floor and the American Annex upstairs, was better covered by insurance than most of the owners. Mr. Moschenbacher will lose about eight hundred dollars above his insurance and Mr. Davenport about \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. VanCampan who conducted the auto service office just west of the Hammond store and who resided in the rooms above the office suffered a loss of everything they had in the building, barely getting out with their clothing. Mr. VanCampan said today he had lost at least \$1,000.

Fred Grennon, who had a cold storage plant in the rear of this auto service station, will lose nearly \$1,500, according to report.

Just how the blaze started has not been definitely determined, but it was the quickest to spread of any fire that has ever occurred in this city, according to report and the excellent work of the Klamath Falls Fire department is responsible for the fact that its spread was checked and that the entire business center of the city was saved.

The losses to Bob Curtis of the American Hotel and to the Annex in the corner building have not been learned.

Comments in praise of the efficient work done by the fire boys, are general today on the street, and their ability to determine when it was useless to work further on the burning building and devote their efforts to saving the buildings nearby has been noted.

So quickly did the fire spread that it is little short of a miracle that a number were not burned to death, but although there were many rumors on the street this morning to the effect that one or more had lost their lives, it is now believed that no

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, definite assurances are given that the Treaty of Peace between the Allied Governments and Germany will soon be signed; that the patriotic citizens will speedily put Klamath Falls, and Klamath County at large, "over the top" in the Victory Loan Drive now in progress, and all can now better bend their energies to the more pleasant victories of peace, and,

Whereas, the year 1919 promises to be the banner year in all the history of Klamath Falls, and Klamath County Oregon, with its big prospects for business and industrial development, street paving, extension of irrigation enterprises, good crops, highway and railroad construction, and,

Whereas, it is expected that a greatly increased number of tourists will visit Klamath Falls and Klamath County, with their many attractive resorts, chief of which is Crater Lake National Park, and that the largest gathering of visitors that has ever come to Klamath Falls will be here on August 14, 15 and 16, during the Oregon State Elks' Convention, and, with the spirit of optimism each and every public spirited citizen must feel, all citizens should now take pride in making Klamath Falls a more wholesome and beautiful city.

Therefore, By virtue of the authority in me vested, I, I. R. Struble, Mayor of Klamath Falls, Oregon, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 24th, 1919, to be "Clean-Up Day." Let everyone on this day do something to advance the cleanliness and beauty of Klamath, by planting flowers, cutting weeds, and piling up trash and ashes in the alleys or streets conveniently to be hauled away.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1919.—I. R. STRUBLE, Mayor.

One perished. Many of the occupants of the American Hotel and the Annex had a close call in getting out of their rooms and many finished dressing on the street. Some damage was done to the rear of Jacob's building occupied by the Western Union, the W. H. Seeborn Company and the Tailor establishment of Ed. Dodge, but it was not serious. So intense was the heat that the big plate glass windows in the business houses opposite were without exception so cracked or shattered that they are now useless.

The American Hotel, as above mentioned, is one of the very oldest buildings in the city, having been constructed forty years ago this Spring. It is reported to have been built by J. N. T. Miller for A. Graham, who started a restaurant there. The building was at first comparatively small and was enlarged later.

B. S. Grigaby, one of the county's pioneer stockmen, today described to a party there, thirty nine years ago. With the exception of two or three other buildings there were at that time no other structures west of the place where the Baldwin Hotel now stands.

No statements as to rebuilding on the property have yet been obtained. One of the notable incidents connected with the fire was the splendid service rendered by the telephone company, particularly when the conflagration was at its highest and the telephone office seemed doomed. Miss Neva Whitlatch and Miss Marjory Grigaby stood loyally at their post and allayed the fears and satisfied the curiosity of those who applied to "Central" for information. They are deserving of the unstinted praise and thanks of the community.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Two wedges in Allied lines threaten collapse of the Allied Western front.

Germans ready yto hit a third blow from Ypres to Rheims.

Hun trench raids along the Avre River menace British lines.

Heavy German guns open way for attack on the Somme River.

MEET DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY

MANY BELIEVE THAT GERMANS
WILL REFUSE TERMS OFFERED.
—NO SETTLEMENT WITH ITAL-
IANS YET.

Dateless Dispatch by Associated Press

It is now probable that the meeting of the Allied and German delegates will not occur until April 28th, due to the impossibility of having an official draft of the peace treaty ready.

Germany is reported to be ready to call for a plebiscite on the treaty. Some believe that the German people will refuse the proffered terms, overlooking the consequences, unless the Allies agree to negotiate the terms with Germany.

The Italian situation is grave and it is not certain whether the Italians have permanently withdrawn from the conference.

On the Ural front all the Russian government forces have again defeated the bolsheviks, who are retreating in a demoralized condition.

PARIS, April 22—Although the Italian peace conference delegates have made no announcement, a member of the delegation told an Associated Press correspondent today that it was considered useless for the Italian delegates to participate further in the conference, unless the Allies were willing to grant their requests.

PARIS, April 22—Premier Orlando of Italy was absent today when the other premiers met. President Wilson and Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau were present.

WASHINGTON, April 22—A cablegram from Paris advised the Administration officials that in consideration of the peace problems such as the claims of Italy, President Wilson would take no action which might in the slightest degree jeopardize the League of Nations or conflict with its fundamental principles.

BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT HERE

SHERIFF HUMPHREY TAKES IN
TWO MEN WANTED AT MC-
CLOUD AND TURNS THEM
OVER TO SISKIYOU OFFICERS

Two Italians, G. Turfetti and A. Davelli, who are well known bootleggers, in Siskiyou County were picked up here Saturday by Sheriff George Humphrey and were turned over to Sheriff Calkins and Deputy Cook who came in to take them back. The two men had escaped after a raid on their place in McCcloud, a week ago Saturday in which two of their partners had been captured. By buying tickets on the railroad and then leaving in another direction in an auto, they cleverly succeeded in eluding the officers for a time, but they will now serve a substantial sentence for their offense.

ROSEBURG BANKS TAKE UP QUOTA FOR CITY.

ROSEBURG, April 22.—Four banks of this city pledged the quota of \$235,000 assigned to Roseburg, Douglas county. This action by the bankers was taken to show the national Victory Loan campaign of Roseburg, Douglas county, do not propose to yield to any other community in America anything in the way of gratitude to soldiers and sailors, nor anything of promptness in meeting money obligations. The people prefer subscribing direct to banks at this season rather than to be solicited.

HIGH STREET TO BE PAVED

PETITION FOR HARD SURFACE
ON RESIDENCE STREET IS EN-
DORSED BY CITY FATHERS—
NINE BLOCKS REQUESTED

The huge impetus which has been given the street improvement move in this city was further indicated at the meeting of the Council last night when petitions for the paving of High Street from First to Eighth streets and down First Street from High to Pine was presented for consideration. The council decided that a preliminary expense fee of \$100 would be satisfactory for this proposed improvement and as soon as it is advanced by the interested property owners, the city engineer will proceed with his surveys and estimates.

High Street is one of the most beautiful residence streets in Klamath Falls and the improvement by a hard surface road is the one thing necessary to make it ideal. The matter will evidently be pushed so as to get the work under way at the earliest moment possible.

HUGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

BIG GATHERING IS SCHEDULED
HERE FOR TOMORROW AFTER-
NOON AT CITY HALL—ALL WO-
MEN IN CITY INVITED

All women who are interested in making Klamath Falls a bigger and greater city are cordially invited to attend the next regular meeting of the Women's Improvement Club, which will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m. in the Council chambers of the city hall. At this meeting will be devised ways and means of a "get together" meeting for the purpose of helping every enterprising business in the county or city.

BOLSHEVISTS STILL RUNNING

SOVIET GOVERNMENT FALLS IN
BAVARIA—SOVIETS IN HUN-
GARY ARE ROUTED—REVOLU-
TION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, April 22—The military situation in Bavaria is improving today. The Soviet government collapsed on Sunday. The Spartacists who took the town of Dachauby, violating the armistice with the government troops have now been repulsed by the government forces who are holding the place. Reinforcements are now moving toward Munich.

PARIS, April 22—A revolution has broken out in Turkey, and a soviet government has been declared. A revolutionists committee has been established at Constantinople, according to the latest dispatches from Mev.

AMSTERDAM, April 22—The Hungarian government headed by Bela Kuhn, has resigned under pressure of the Roumanian troops, according to a Vienna dispatch. News from Budapest says that wild chaos prevails in that city. It is reported that the Czecho forces have joined with Roumanians and have defeated the Hungarian soviet troops.

Advices now indicate that the Social Democrats will take over the government control headed by Sigmund Kunft, Commissioner of Education in the Soviet Cabinet.

PERMIT NEEDED FOR NEW SEWER

STATE HEALTH BOARD MUST EN-
DORSE PLANS OF CITY FOR
MILLS ADDITION SEWER BE-
FORE WORK CAN GO AHEAD.

The Mills Addition Sewer is now up to the point in its progress where a permit from the State Board of Health will be necessary before further action can be safely taken, and a visit from one of the members of this body is expected in a short time, according to disclosures made at the City Council last night.

The question now at issue appears to be whether or not it will be necessary to construct a septic tank to take care of the sewerage of this district or whether it may be taken for a considerable distance into the lake and left. City Health Officer A. A. Soule deems this proper in view of the general conditions and will make such a recommendation to the Board of Health. The Council and the people of Mills Addition, where this improvement is so greatly needed, are very anxious to get the matter pushed through at the earliest possible moment and believe that the people of the city will vote it through when it comes to the ballot.

WELL KNOWN BOY GETS DISCHARGED

There is one nappy little woman in Klamath Falls today, Mrs. Richard K. Hannon, and the joy is due to the receipt yesterday afternoon of a telegram from her husband, announcing that he had been discharged from the navy. Mr. Hannon was principal of the Fairview school when war was declared and shortly thereafter resigned his position and enlisted in the navy. Almost at once he was assigned to duty on the gunboat McCall, one of the navy bulldozers that acted as sub chasers throughout the war.

One of the officers on this ship was Lieutenant Leon Boller of this city.

Mr. Hannon will go direct to Rochester, N. Y., where he will assume important duties with the Rochester Food company, one of the large eastern manufacturers of food products, where Mrs. Hannon will join him in about three weeks.

The vessel on which the young man served was shot at seven times by submarines, but the deadly torpedoes missed in each instance. The ship on which he served succeeded in disabling two of the U-boats. During Hannon's term of service, two ships which were found disabled were aided off the coast of Ireland.

LOAN TOTAL IS GETTING BIGGER

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF
YESTERDAY IS DOUBLED TO-
DAY—ENTHUSIASTIC WORK-
ERS WILL PUT COUNTY OVER
TOP.

Thirty thousand dollars a day for Klamath County in the big victory Loan Drive is a pretty good gait to strike, in the opinion of the leaders of the move and that's the way the people here are taking hold of the request of Uncle Sam for his last loan to pay the bill for the war.

This is a first class start and the workers who are enthusiastic to the last man, are going to keep on the job steadily until Klamath has swung again into the blue ribbon column. The spirit indicated on the part of the public is of the very best say the canvassers.

The boys are not going to come home with crippled legs and maimed bodies and find the people here unwilling to lend for what they have offered their lives for.

COUNCIL MOVES FOR RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

Resolution Passed, Waives
Terms of Payment.

BUILDER TO OPERATE

Preliminary Steps Taken in Action
That Will Lead to Completion of
Line to Sprague River and Securing
City for Its Three Hundred
Thousand Dollars Already In-
vested.

The first step in what is to lead to the completion of the Klamath Falls Municipal railroad to Sprague river, was taken last night when the City Council passed a resolution waiving the terms of payment under the contract with Robert E. Strahorn. The meaning of this resolution, stripped of all legal persiflage, is that the city anticipates an action that would have to be taken about July 1, or whenever Mr. Strahorn completes the line to Dairy. There is still a balance of \$16,770.13 remaining of the \$300,000 that the city was to pay for building the line to Dairy. This money has been turned over to Mr. Strahorn. He now can turn to the city the line, thus putting Klamath Falls in position to take the second step, that of returning the road to Mr. Strahorn, who will operate it and pay all expenses until further disposition is made.

The third and final step will be taken when the voters of the city adopt an ordinance that was introduced last night and passed to second reading. Under the terms of this ordinance, which will be voted on at a special election on May 21st, the Municipal line will be turned over to Mr. Strahorn when he does two things:

First, he must complete and operate the line to Sprague river.

Second, he must deliver to the City of Klamath Falls income bonds to the amount of \$400,000, obligating the Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad Company to pay the holder of said bonds, annually, its pro rata of the net earnings of said company.

When these two conditions are complied with, then Klamath Falls will turn over to Mr. Strahorn, or his agents, that portion of the line between this city and Dairy.

NO CHANGE IN DAIRY RULING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BRINGS
DITION, ORDINANCE WILL NOT
BE ALTERED.

Vociferous objection on the part of Mills addition residents at the Council meeting last night against a proposed amendment to the new ordinance banning the dairies beyond the city limits of Klamath Falls, to permit this industry in some of the less populated sections, caused the committee which had been appointed to investigate this matter, to report unfavorably on the amendment and it will accordingly go into effect on the first of next month as originally passed by the Council.

ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE UP TO BUSINESS MEN

The invitation of the Rose Festival committee of the city of Portland to the City of Klamath Falls to participate in the big victory parade during the festival was read and considered at the meeting of the Council last evening. It was decided after some deliberation to refer the matter to the Klamath Falls Business Men's association.