

CITY SCHOOLS NOT PROTECTED SAYS MILLER

Inspection of City Schools Shows Constant Danger Exists From Improper Wiring and Inadequate Fire Escapes, Says Chief

Fire Chief F. C. Miller, after several days spent in inspecting local schools, declared today that dangerous conditions exist. Improper wiring and lack of adequate fire escapes constitute the chief menace, he said when he had finished inspection.

The Mills school, now nearly finished and ready for occupancy some time next month, is a credit to the city from a standpoint of efficiency, says the chief, but in the others there are conditions calling for remedy. He will offer recommendations as to changes that he believes essential for fire prevention to both the city and high school boards of directors at their meetings next week. Wiring and fire escape needs are those needing prompt attention. Some of the changes can be carried out at once, others may take 30 days, more or less, but until they are completed, says the chief a serious fire danger exists.

Fire drills in the different schools were very satisfactory, said Miller. The Central school, 325 to 350 pupils, was emptied in 49 seconds; Riverside school, 200 pupils, in 40 seconds, and the Mills addition school, old building, 29 seconds. The high school has not yet held the inspection drill.

Following his investigation of the schools, Miller gave out the following statement, calling attention to the serious fire menace that exists: "Every morning, noon and evening the hundreds of school children passing through the streets of our city make an appeal to our highest instincts of sympathy and protection, but if that appeal is not properly interpreted and heeded some day some of our schools may become charnel houses instead of effective agencies for human advancement.

"I do not desire to frighten anyone, I do not desire to create a bogey where none exists, but I do claim that danger exists in the public schools of Klamath Falls and I want to do my duty in pointing it out.

"Statistics show us that the fire loss to school buildings in this country has reached into millions of dollars, and the loss of life to school children has reached into the thousands. One school house daily is the average fire loss in the United States, statistics show. Now let me assure you that the fire risk in most of the school buildings of this city is great. The thought, energy and money put into furthering life and property safety in the schools of this city has not even approached that warranted by the jeopardy to the lives of our nation's greatest asset—our children.

"There are some people who have created excellently safeguarded manufacturing and merchandising properties, but they do not view the American child as worthy of the same protection as buildings, machinery and goods. Possibly they argue that children can walk out of a burning building, whereas goods cannot. Generally in event of fire, the children do escape, but occasionally heaps of charred bodies of little children tell another and sadder story. Ignorance of even fundamental principles of fire protection of schools is one of the chief factors of our poor conditions. This ignorance on the part of the American public is responsible for our tremendous annual fire tax and for the loss of several thousands of lives of our children each year."

TOMORROW

Tomorrow your carrier will call upon you for your subscription. Please be ready for him, for since he is going to school Saturday is the only day on which he has time to collect. Don't expect him to come back.

ENJOINS MINERS FROM STRIKING

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 31.—Federal Judge A. S. Anderson today issued an injunction restraining all officials of the United Mine Workers of America from going on strike tonight at midnight. Hearing on the order is set for November 8.

The order enjoins the officials from starting or encouraging the strike on the broad general ground that the strike would tie up the transportation systems of America and threaten a general disaster to the country.

The order was issued on application of the United States government on a showing made by G. S. James, assistant attorney general.

John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers, declares that the injunction was the most sweeping abrogation of American citizenship rights ever issued, and will not serve to avert the strike.

NO WITCHES, MAYBE, BUT BEWITCHING DAMSELS GALORE

Put on your best bed linen—and with sheets and pillow cases at present prices it will not be any cheap apparel, either—and prepare to join the crowd of Hallowe'en merry-makers at Moose Hall tonight. Unless you come properly sheeted and cease you will be barred from the prize waltz, which is one of the big features of the occasion.

The other big features are the music and the decorations and the opportunity to dance with the prettiest girls in Klamath Falls.

All the gnomes in gnomeland will be there and more fairies than have gathered in one place in many and many a year. The present high prices of brooms may prevent the attendance of a full quota of witches, account of lack of transportation, but a host of bewitching damsels will be on hand. If you think this statement is overdrawn, that's your privilege, but be there and see them and it's a safe wager you'll declare that the truth was not half told you.

WOMAN'S HAND IS SERIOUSLY MANGLED

Mrs. Emil Schiesel, wife of a rancher living about eight miles out on the Merrill road, lost the little finger of her left hand and received a deep cut across the entire palm that nearly severed the other fingers Wednesday, when a colt that she was holding became frightened and pulled back. The woman had the lead rope wrapped about her hand. The colt's struggles drew the wrapping tight, with the result that the hand was mangled.

Dr. A. A. Soule was called from this city and dressed the injury. Mrs. Schiesel is at the ranch home and doing as well as can be expected.

JACOBS BUYING MUCH TULE LAND

Several transactions in the last few days have greatly increased the tule land holdings of L. Jacobs around Midland. Mr. Jacobs has not stopped buying, but states that he will continue his land purchases.

The deals closed so far are the purchase of 1600 acres from M. Motschenbacher, which is more than half of the latter's holdings; 165 acres from A. A. Mehaffey, 250 acres from P. L. Fountain, 108 acres from Leo Robinson and 640 acres from J. O. Thompson.

LAYING STEAM PIPES ACROSS MAIN STREET

The main feed line of the Klamath steam heating company is being laid across Main street at Fifth to serve the buildings on the north side of the street. The plant is working very satisfactorily as far as connected up with buildings, report those in charge of the work.

POPULAR GIRL BECOMES BRIDE

A genuine surprise was given the members of the younger social set yesterday in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Waive Jacobs to John H. Enders of Ashland. The ceremony was performed in San Francisco last Sunday, not even the members of the families of the young couple having been apprised of the event. On Monday telegrams were sent to both families, and as the match was one that has had the approval of the parents of the contracting parties, telegrams of blessing and congratulations were immediately sent them.

The bride is one of the most charming young ladies of this city, where she has lived for the past sixteen years. Of a lovable disposition, she had a wide circle of friends among both the young and old of Klamath Falls, won by her readiness to take part in every function that has been given by the various organizations of the city for charitable or other purposes. She came to Klamath Falls when a mere child with her parents, who for several years operated a department store here. Her father, L. Jacobs, is an extensive owner of business and ranch property in this city and county.

The groom is the son of J. H. Enders, the biggest merchant in the Rogue River valley, owning large department stores in Ashland and Medford. The young man has always taken an active part in the business and promises to follow in the footsteps of his father, who is considered one of the big constructive factors in the Medford-Ashland territory. Mr. and Mrs. Enders will make their home in Ashland.

DUCK DINNER FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

The boys of the high school are planning to give a rousing reception to the Bend High School football team which is to arrive this evening. The football game will be played tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the ball grounds, and regardless of the outcome, the local boys plan not to be outdone by anyone in hospitality, and a splendid duck dinner is to be given the visitors, followed by a dance at Moose Hall.

SERVICES IN CATHOLIC CHURCH TOMORROW

Because tomorrow, Saturday, will be the Feast of All Saints, masses will be said in the Sacred Heart church at 6 a. and 8 a. m. Benediction at 7 o'clock in the convent.

ROLL CALL DRIVE GETTING START

At a meeting of Roll Call Captains of Klamath Falls precincts held at Hotel Hall yesterday afternoon, Chairman Mrs. J. E. Bratton outlined briefly the plan of organization for the Red Cross membership drive which is to begin next Monday morning.

A meeting of all captains and their teams is called for 3 p. m. Saturday in the Masonic Lodge room where detailed information and suggestions will be given and all questions answered.

At this meeting the solicitors supplies will be given to members of the teams.

Miss Inez Bell will be in charge of the blanks and will maintain her headquarters in R. C. Groesbeck's office, where daily reports are to be made by the solicitors.

Following are the captains and their respective territory:

Precinct No. 1, Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg; No. 2, 3 and 4, Mrs. Carey Ranby and Mrs. Bert C. Thomas; No. 5, Mrs. W. Paul Johnson; No. 6, Mrs. Geo. L. Humphrey; No. 7, Mrs. L. O. Mills; No. 8, E. M. Chilcote; Mills Addition, Burt Hawkins; Shippington, Mrs. B. A. Yancy; Business District, Mrs. T. E. McDonald; Industrial District, (except box factories) Mrs. O. Peyton; Big Basin Lumber Co., E. R. King; Southern Pacific R. Co., Miss Ruth Avery; Pelican Bay Lumber Co., H. W. Bridgeford; Ewauna Box Co., Junior Daggett; Klamath Mfg. Co., G. A. Krause; Chelsea Box Co., C. F. Setzer; Ackley Bros., H. A. Ackley.

JAP MERCHANTS MOVE RESIDENCES

WOODLAND, Cal., Oct. 31.—In accordance with demands recently made upon them by the owners of property on the north side of Main street near College avenue, five Japanese merchants and their families are vacating today for isolated sections of the city, hoping that they may find suitable locations later on. This the business element is against and will, if possible, keep them isolated.

FARM LOAN MEETING

The directors of the Klamath Falls National Farm Loan association will hold their regular meeting tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. at their office in the Willis building, to consider matters in connection with applicants for federal farm loans.

DECORATORS MAY STRIKE TOMORROW

Unless local contractors meet the demands of painters, paper-hangers and decorators of Local Union No. 1193, tomorrow is likely to see a strike of the workmen, who recently served notice that they expected 90 cents an hour after November 1, with transportation and expenses on country jobs included.

The notice was presented on October 17. Browne Bros., contractors, state that they are willing to meet the wage demand on new work, but unless the workers finish existing contracts under the old scale of 75 cents an hour they are prepared to meet the walkout by completing the work themselves.

BIG COWD AT ELKS' ROLL CALL

The largest turnout of Elks since the big convention attended annual roll call last night. The hall was crowded to its full capacity. Dr. E. D. Johnson and W. O. Smith spoke of the need of regular attendance and promotion of lodge activities to promote a closer organization.

H. M. Manning sounded a note of warning against the spread of bolshevism, the I. W. W. movement and kindred disloyal efforts, and urged the necessity of the lodge taking a stand against all brands of disloyalty. E. B. Hall was another speaker.

Tonight is the night of the Hallowe'en dance for Elks and ladies, except for the convention ball, the first dance for many months, and a big attendance is promised.

BIG INFLUX OF WEALTHY TOURISTS

C. J. Ferguson returned last night from a two week's business trip to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and other northern points. He says the weather is cold in the north. Travel is extremely heavy both north and south bound and all the hotels are overflowing with tourists. Apparently many of the travelers are eastern and middle western people who are seeking homes in the west.

Having prospered in industrial and agricultural ventures during the war they are seeking investment for their money in a country where land prices are lower than in the east. As a consequence berths on trains are unobtainable except when reserved in advance, eating places are boosting prices and lodgings are as much in demand elsewhere as they are in Klamath Falls, says Mr. Ferguson.

WILL VISIT KIN IN GEORGIA AND TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith of Olene will leave Monday to spring a surprise party on relatives in Georgia and Texas, whom they have not seen in 28 years. They intend to walk in on their kinsfolk unannounced and considering the interval that has elapsed since the last reunion it is likely to prove some surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith would not consider moving from Klamath county, so they will be back some time next spring. Mrs. Griffith has two brothers in Georgia whom they will visit and Mr. Griffith has a brother and two sisters in Georgia and a sister in Texas.

COLLISION NOT SERIOUS

In a collision with an automobile driven by G. C. Lorenz, plumber, at Sixth and Main last evening Dan Melhase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Melhase, was bruised, his clothing torn and bicycle damaged, but apparently escaped serious bodily injury. Lorenz says he was driving on the proper side of the street and that the boy, about 16 years old, ran into him while cutting a corner in a race with a companion.

ROAD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT PORTLAND

Klamath County Invited to Send Representatives to Conference to Discuss Building of a Highway Through Central Oregon

Invitation to participate with representatives of all other counties interested in a road conference to be held at the Imperial hotel, Portland, November 3, for the purpose of laying plans to forward the construction of The Dalles-California highway, was received yesterday by the Klamath county court and the business men's association of this city.

Telegrams stating the purposes of the meeting, signed by County Judge Barns of Deschutes county and H. J. Overturf of the Bend Commercial club were received by Leslies Rogers, president of the local business men's association, and County Judge Bunnell, inviting local representation. One copy says:

"To secure immediate construction of a road across central Oregon, a meeting of county courts and commercial organizations of all the counties affected is called for Monday, November 3, at the Imperial hotel in Portland. Please meet with the representatives of the counties through which the Dalles-California highway passes in an effort to secure said construction.

"COUNTY JUDGE BARN'S.
"H. J. OVERTURF,
"Bend Commercial Club."

As the state highway commission meets in Portland next week, it is assumed that the commissioners will join the conference. As it is too late for active construction this year, it is probable that the work of the meeting will consist in mapping out the extent of the proposed improvement and laying plans for getting work started as early as possible next year.

"There is a move on foot to raise the bonding limit of the state for highway purposes from 6 to 15 per cent of the assessed valuation, which is to be submitted to the people's decision at a special election next spring. The reasons for the necessity of such increase from the standpoint of the highway commission and the effect upon road building in eastern Oregon will doubtless be taken up.

Mr. Rogers was unable to say this morning whether the business men's association would be directly represented. He thought it might be possible to delegate the entire representation of this county to the delegate sent by the county court.

EVANS PROVES ENTIRE ALIBI

Lark N. Evans, arrested here Sunday by local police on request of Sheriff C. E. Terrill of Jackson county, has proved a complete alibi to the charge of robbing W. G. White, Grant's Pass jitney driver, and also cleared himself of suspicion in connection with the disappearance of an aged prospector, whose body was found near Jacksonville several weeks ago.

The officers believe that the man who robbed the jitney driver also was responsible for the prospector's death, but the man is not Evans, according to a telegram received by the Herald from Sheriff Terrill this morning.

Evans told the officers when questioned here after his arrest that he would be able to prove an alibi by the garage men for whom he was working in Medford on September 13, the date of the jitney holdup, and from the sheriff's telegram it appears that he was able to do so. For six weeks prior to his arrest Evans, who is an auto mechanic, lived here and was employed in local garages.

