

FIRE STARTED BY LIVE WIRE SAYS KESTERSON

I. E. Kesterson, owner of the Kesterson Lumber company's plant, which was practically wiped out by yesterday's fire, today authorized the statement to the Herald that the fire was caused by sparks from the broken wire of the California-Oregon Power company, when the high power line was blown down by the gale and fell across the lumber pile and mill. The fire, said the statement, originated in a lumber pile.

J. C. Thompson, manager of the California-Oregon Power company, declared today that the chance that the fire could have been caused by the broken wire was so small as to be negligible. When the high line goes down he says it instantaneously and automatically cuts off the current in the power house and the entire wire becomes dead. The line, he said, went down when the fire burned through a supporting tower on the edge of the yards, and reports to his office caused him still to hold the theory that the blaze started with sparks from the incinerator.

It was a disastrous conflagration that swept the plant out of existence in short order.

The garage that houses the logging trucks, all trucks and logging equipment, seven cottages and an equal number of bunkhouses were saved.

The mill valued at about \$75,000, lumber worth about \$150,000, I. E. Kesterson's home and private garage, eight workers' cottages, seven bunk houses, 90,000 feet of logs, two large water towers and the lighting plant were completely wiped out.

So fast did the flames consume the buildings that only three families saved their belongings from the cottages.

Three flat cars and one box car, loaded in the yards, were burned. The boarding house and office went with the rest.

Mr. Kesterson carried \$129,000 insurance on the lumber, and additional insurance on the plant amounting in all to about \$160,000.

The value of property destroyed will easily total \$250,000. It is estimated. J. H. Driscoll, whose agency carried insurance on the plant, left this morning for Ivan to make an investigation and inventory the loss.

A repair crew of 11 men worked all last night on the power line, and local mills and box factories resumed work this morning. All large plants were without power yesterday afternoon after the fire. The city circuit was supplied from the Keno plant and there was no interruption in shops or in city lighting.

Mr. Thompson said that the California-Oregon Power company had warned the Kesterson company against piling lumber beneath the power line. The power company, he said, had a right of way through the yards. The orders against piling lumber were issued, he said, both from the offices of the Yreka division by Manager O. G. Steele and from the local office by George J. Walton, former manager.

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT. 2

C. R. DeLap, county clerk, announced today that registration in the county will close on October 2, and that no one will be allowed to register after that date. He also said that beginning September 22, the clerk's office at the courthouse, will be open at night from 7 to 9 o'clock for the convenience of Klamath county people wishing to register.

Mr. DeLap also urges that people who have changed their place of residence or are not registered in the right precinct should tend to re-registering at once in order to vote. No one will be allowed to vote out of the precinct in which he lives.

Several schools for girls have recently been opened in Persia under the auspices of the government.

MOTHER SEEKS CUSTODY OF THREE SMALL CHILDREN

Hearing is underway in the circuit court today of the petition of Mrs. Thomas Littlefield who, before her divorce, was Mrs. Roy Van Meter, for modification of a decree of divorce from Van Meter that gave custody of three minor children to the father. Mrs. Littlefield now seeks to have the children restored to her. The youngest is a girl aged 5. The others are boys, aged 6 and 7. The divorce from Van Meter was secured in 1917 and Mrs. Van Meter married Thomas Littlefield in 1919.

K. K. K. STORE RECEIVES MANY FELICITATIONS

The formal Grand Opening of the new K. K. K. store occurred today and this well known establishment was an attraction for a large percentage of the people of the county. The young men who are its proprietors, likewise were the recipients of congratulations from their host of friends, for the public generally recognize in the consummation of their plans a triumph deserving of the warm words of praise and good wishes showered upon them today.

Not the least of the features incident to the opening was a mammoth horseshoe of pink asters and maiden-hair ferns, bearing the legend, "Compliments of K. Sugarman. 'I ain't mad at nobody.'" That the generous sentiments indicated by the thoughtful compliment was fully appreciated by the recipients was clearly evident from the place of honor given the token of good luck—on the showcase immediately in front of the main entrance.

This evening there will be music by one of the local orchestras and nothing will be left undone to make welcome those who may call to inspect what is regarded as one of the finest men's stores in the state.

SAYS PLOTTERS WILL BE CAUGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Confidence that "the American anarchists" who are believed to have caused the Wall street explosion will be caught, was expressed by Chief Flynn, of the bureau of investigation, who said he was certain from a similarity of circulars found in a mail box near the explosion to those found at the scenes of various explosions in June, 1919, that the same crowd was responsible. Clues to those cases will help in catching the plotters, he said. The blacksmith who shod the death wagon horse has been found. Many suspects are under arrest.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT RETURN

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 18.—Silent prayer for the 1,500 Gold Star men who went overseas with the Ninety-First division and never returned will be given at a reunion of the division members here Sunday September 26.

Three chaplains of the division, Rev. Jeremiah Galvin of the 363rd infantry, Rev. George B. Lascombe of the 347th field artillery and Rev. Stephen S. Brown of the 348th field artillery will participate in the memorial services.

Governors of all the western states which sent men to form the division at its training ground at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, have been invited to attend the reunion.

Over 20,000 veterans from all parts of the west are expected to attend. The reunion will be held on the second anniversary of the opening of the battle of the Argonne in which the division received its baptism of fire.

Harvard's intercollegiate games on the gridiron this fall will be with Center college of Kentucky and Valparaiso university of Indiana.

FIRE MARSHALS FINISH HOTEL FIRE INQUIRY

H. H. Pomeroy and Gilbert W. Allen, deputy state fire marshals, having completed investigation of the Houston hotel fire, left this morning for Salem. Results of the investigation will be compiled in a report and submitted to the governor. The report will probably be ready in a week or ten days.

In the meantime no information on the result of the inquiry is available, except that Mr. Pomeroy stated that it revealed no evidence of incendiary. Many rumors that the fire was set were run down, but all proved to be without foundation.

Fifty-five orders were prepared and will be served on owners immediately by Fire Chief Ambrose, ordering remodeling, installation of fire escapes, building of underground containers for gasoline, and other compliance with the state law to lessen fire hazard. These are the worst cases revealed by inspection, but Chief Ambrose will keep up the inspection work and other orders will follow. Failure to comply with instructions will be met with cancellation of insurance by the state underwriters' board.

Following is the law governing fire prevention requirements from Lord's Oregon laws, volume 2, pages 1885-1886, title 34, chapter 11: Sec. 4983. Hotels Exceeding Two Stories to Be Provided With Fire Escapes.

All hotels or lodging houses in the state of Oregon more than two stories in height shall be provided with at least one fire escape of iron or other incombustible material, on each street front of said building, conveniently accessible from each room of said building. (L. 1909, c. 37, p. 77, Sec. 1 L. 1909 (sp. sess.), c. 2, p. 512, Sec. 1.)

Sec. 4984. Other Hotels to Have Rope Fire Escapes.

All hotels or lodging houses in the state of Oregon, not covered by the provisions contained in section 4982, and not provided with at least one fire escape of iron or other incombustible material, as provided in section 4983, shall be provided with manila or sisal ropes, not less than one-half inch in diameter, and of sufficient length to reach to the ground, knotted 12 inches apart, in every room used as a lodging room except the rooms on the ground floor. (L. 1909, c. 37, p. 77, Sec. 2; L. 1909 (sp. sess.), c. 2, p. 512, Sec. 2.)

Sec. 4985. Ropes, How Adjusted.

All ropes shall be securely anchored near a window, kept coiled and exposed to the plain view of the occupants, with printed directions as to how to use such ropes posted within six inches of where the rope is fastened. (L. 1909, c. 37, p. 77, Sec. 3.)

Sec. 4986. Failure to Comply With Act a Misdemeanor

Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50, and every day that such person shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act shall be deemed a separate offense. (L. 1909, c. 37, p. 77, Sec. 4.)

Sec. 4987. Doors.

The outside doors, and other exits leading thereto, in every theater, church, school building, public hall, and every other building used for public purposes where people congregate, shall be so swung and hinged that they will open outward.

Before leaving, Messrs. Pomeroy and Allen asked the Herald to express their joint gratitude to all city officials for the helpful attitude shown toward the investigation. Both men said that the aid given by the mayor, members of the council, police department, fire department, coroner's office, district attorney and other officers and citizens lightened the burden of an unpleasant task for them and was thoroughly appreciated.

The Western Intercollegiate Basketball association has arranged to hold its annual meeting in Chicago September 18.

NO HYPHENATES WANTED HERE SAYS HARDING

MARION, O., Sept. 19.—Warning against the dangers of hyphenated citizenship, Senator Harding told a gathering of foreign born Americans that he believed the United States must avoid "meddling in the affairs of other nations if all classes of American citizens are to be united in loyalty to the government." The foreign born were not to blame for conflicting sympathies during the war, he said, asserting that the fault was with the nation itself for failure in thoroughly Americanizing those of foreign extraction.

This must now be taken up with determination, he said. "Let us all pray," he said, "that America shall never become divided into classes and shall never feel the menace of hyphenated citizenship. The way to blend foreign blood is to put an end to groups, an end to classes, an end to special appeal to any of them, and an end to particular favor to any of them."

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 18.—Assertions that Governor Cox, after attempting the role of the idealist, had turned to the coarse methods of ward politics, and was resorting to wilder and wilder charges, were made today by Governor Calvin Coolidge, Republican vice-presidential nominee, addressing the Republican state convention.

MAYOR MACSWINEY GROWS WEAKER; SISTER DESPAIRS

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Terrence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, passed a very bad night. He is in a state of complete nervous exhaustion. His sister said he is looking worse than she has ever seen him thus far in the hunger strike. He is still conscious.

LOCAL GIRL WILL WED PORTLAND MAN

A marriage license has been issued to Clarence Lewis Christensen, of Portland, and Miss Ada Deady, who is a niece of Mrs. James Howie of this city. They expect to be married tonight.

JUDGE RECOVERING

SALEM, Sept. 18.—Circuit Judge Bingham, who suffered a stroke of vocal paralysis Friday, has so far recovered his voice that he is back at his desk today. Physicians expect his rapid recovery.

NEGRO PUGILIST GOES TO FORT LEAVENWORTH

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Jack Johnson will leave tonight for Fort Leavenworth to begin a year sentence for Mann act violation. His attorney filed a writ of error this morning but was informed by the court that Johnson would be refused liberty pending a hearing of the appeal.

M'COLLUM BROS. BUY IMPERIAL

Sale of the Imperial garage, purchased several weeks ago by Louis Hoagland from Everett McCollum, was announced today. Mr. Hoagland has resold the garage to Mr. McCollum and his brother, Ernest McCollum.

Everett McCollum has been connected with the garage since it was built a year ago. He will be general manager of the business and will have charge of the mechanical department.

Another brother, Edgar, is on his way from California to take a place in the mechanical department.

The McCollum brothers have been continuous residents of the city for eight years, with the exception of two years spent in the army, and have a strong following of friends and customers. They announce that they will conduct the business along the same modern lines that have marked it from the beginning.

ESKIMO LAD TIRED OF CIVILIZATION

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 18.—One year of the world "with its automobiles, street cars, motion pictures and modern schools, was enough for Donald Nuayak, an Eskimo boy, who passed through here recently on his way to his old home on King island, a dot of land in Bering straits.

Nuayak said he was going back home to raise reindeer. He spent the past year at the Chemawa Indian school in Oregon learning shoe-making, tailoring, horse-shoeing and harness making. Attractions of the outside world did not appeal to him, he said, and he intended to spend his life with his father's reindeer herd.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Sunday, fair, except probably rain in the northwest portion.

The tallow tree grows in Malabar, India. It is thus called because of its seeds, which, when boiled, produce a tallow which makes excellent candles.

INQUIRIES YET COMING FROM WORRIED ONES

Since the fire of September 6, Postmaster W. A. Delsell, the Western Union office, the Herald, chamber of commerce and others are in receipt of almost daily inquiries in regard to relatives of the inquirers, known to be in Klamath Falls.

Doubtless all of the persons for whom inquiry is made are safe but have neglected to write home and set at rest the natural anxiety of relatives.

The following inquiries are on file with the postmaster: Mrs. R. H. Garrison of Keswick, Cal., asks about her son, Robert Garrison.

Mrs. D. M. Daugherty of Petros, Tenn., asks about her son, E. J. Daugherty.

Mrs. Joseph Brennan, Valentine, Texas, asks about her son, Richard J. Brennan.

Elsie Gemmill, Portland, Ore., asks about her brother, Phillip Elpp.

The postmaster has answered inquiries to the best of his ability, as have the other persons and organizations receiving requests for information. However, it places a big burden upon these agencies. To run down the facts in connection with each inquiry received in conscientious fashion is no small task. Sometimes it means a great deal of effort without result.

It would be far easier for persons who suspect that relatives have any cause for anxiety to drop a postcard in the mail, or send a brief telegram to their worried families and the Herald suggests that if they have postponed such action it is still not too late for the inquiries continue to come.

STYLE SHOP IS OPENED TODAY

After overcoming many handicaps and discouragements, the Andross-Glover Style Shop opened its doors to the Klamath Falls public this morning, nearly two weeks later than the time originally contemplated. The late date was due to delays in completing the building in which the store is located. It was necessary to install a temporary front in order to open the store today, the plate glass having been lost in transit. Notwithstanding all of these difficulties Messdames Andross and Glover were indefatigable in their efforts and the opening today presages that they possess the energy, diplomacy and efficiency so necessary in the business world of today.

The ladies of the city were rewarded for their patience in awaiting the opening by a display of those things so dear to the heart of mility. Their welcome to the Style Shop was no less cordial than was that of the business section of the city and the cordial good will manifested on all sides indicates that a spirit of helpful co-operation is abroad in the city and that the Style Shop will undoubtedly be one of the important factors in its development.

TUG OF WAR AND RACES FOR FAIR

The following program of field sports are announced by Frank Sexton, county fair secretary, for the county fair meeting next Friday and Saturday:

- Forty yard race for grammar grade boys—prizes \$5, \$3.50, \$2 and \$1.
- Forty yard race for grammar grade girls—prizes same as boys' race.
- Hundred yard race for boys under 18—prizes \$5, \$3.50 and \$2.
- Hundred yard free for all race—prizes same as boys' hundred yard race.
- Sack race for boys—prizes \$3 and \$2.
- Mixed sleeve race for boys—Prizes \$3 and \$2.
- Potato race—prizes \$3 and \$2.
- Tog of war, city vs. county teams. This promises to be the big event of the program.

Action Speaks Louder Than the Platform



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