

DUTY OF FIRE PREVENTION IS ON OFFICIALS

(By Fire Chief H. R. Delaney)

Though it will be hereafter shown this series of articles that the owner-tenant of property is largely responsible for the major or preventable fires, nevertheless a grave responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the law makers and officials, and especially upon the members of fire departments, both in their individual and collective capacities.

With respect to law making bodies, it is an essential requisite that measures be enacted which shall determine the character of buildings to be constructed, both from the fire prevention and relative standpoints with special restrictions with reference to the building of chimneys and proper installation and of lighting and heating equipment, as also the correct wiring of premises for electrical purposes. Municipal ordinances should also provide for the placing of every guard and device to protect life in the event of a fire, such as fire escapes and easily accessible exits in schools, theatres, department stores and other places where large numbers of the people are accustomed to gather, and all other features of safety suggested by expert insurance engineers.

A very important and fundamental element of safety in this connection that municipal bodies make ample provision for a well-equipped and efficient fire department. While money is always of utmost importance in the expenditure of public funds, it would prove a false and wise policy to so impede the efficiency of the city's fire department by lack of man power or equipment, as to hamper or reduce to a minimum its efficiency in the event of a serious fire or general conflagration. This is one of the branches of public government where economy is easily become penny wise and penny foolish.

Fire Department's Duty
Upon the fire department, however, devolves the true and full safety of the lives and property of the community with reference to the prevention of fire, and it is a matter of great congratulation that modern fire chiefs are coming to a full realization of the fact that to prevent fire from occurring demonstrates an even greater efficiency than to extinguish them after they have occurred, though certainly this latter duty is by no means to be underestimated.

To this end, therefore, of preventing fires and thereby pledging safety and security to the community, modern fire departments are organizing fire prevention bureaus in their own ranks, maintaining schools of instruction as to how fires are to be prevented and fitting the firemen to become expert inspectors, quick to discover fire hazards, so as to be fully fitted to visit dwelling places as well as industrial and commercial plants and teach the people how to safeguard their homes and business premises from the dangers of fire which constantly surround them.

A uniformed fireman stands for protection of the people against injury or damage by fire, and firemen who are influenced by a loyal patriotic sense of their full duty, whether officially inspecting premises or not, will study to cultivate a perception of the presence of fire hazards, and whether on or off duty will not fail to advise and insist upon the removal or correction of any hazard or defect which may lead to a fire.

Lin Mask Ball Will Be Pretentious Event

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 27.—February 5th is the date set for the 10th annual Lin Mask ball to be given for the benefit of the Main public library by the library association.

Preparation is being made on this occasion, reports the committee in charge of the arrangements. Costumes have been ordered by merchants and 400 masks are now on hand at the Kallina store for the guests to choose from.

The prize offered for the best costumes and characters amount to at least \$100. These are divided into five prizes for ladies and five for gentlemen. The prizes are now on display at the Kallina store.

Over the hall was crowded, and the committee, "It will be on Saturday 5th. The ball promises to be better and bigger than any given before."

Everyone in the community is

Three Hats for 'Between-Season Wear



Metal cloth and velvet are cleverly introduced into this group of fetching, wearable hats. At the left is a turban of gold and silver metallic brocade with a down-hanging spray of henna-colored ostrich. At right is an afternoon hat of blue velvet with a steeple bow directly at the center

front. The large hat is a circular-brimmed affair of brown panne velvet with a plain, tight-fitting crown, the brim embroidered in great circular motifs done in French blue and gold.

talking masquerade. The custom of holding annual masquerade balls was established with the first Bohemian colony in this valley. The proceeds of these dances have been spent for buying Bohemian and English books, which now number more than a thousand. Anyone in the neighborhood may borrow these books.

The attendance at these dances has been past the hundred mark several times. This year, the committee believe that not less than 150 persons will mask.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows: Ladies first prize, 40 piece set of imported, hand painted, chinaware; second prize, community silver; third prize, community silver; fourth prize, gold button; ladies group prize, 34 piece set of dishes; gentlemen's first prize, Coleman gas lamp; second prize, silver shaving set; third prize, Waterman's fountain pen; fourth prize, gold button; and the men's group prize, five gold scarf pins. The judges have not been chosen up to this time, according to a report of one of the committee.

Mrs. McCauley, wife of Lieutenant Commander Cleveland McCauley, U. S. N., now stationed in Chinese waters, has been admitted to practice law in Shanghai, China.

Slipper Is Proper Punishment for Wayward Daughters

ANACONDA, Mont., Jan. 27.—A spanking and enforced attendance at school would be the proper treatment for some of Anaconda's wayward girls, according to District Judge George B. Winston. "I have seen some girls come before my court who ought to have been in school and who had so much paint on their faces that it was impossible to tell without questioning whether they were 14 or 40 years old," he said.

Judge Winston flayed the way some of the girls brought into his court dressed. He declared it was not uncommon for a girl to be brought to court dressed in the height of fashion while their mothers who accompanied them wore poor clothes and shawls about their heads. A campaign of education was urged by Judge Winston as a means of lessening the number of wayward girls here.

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, of Muncie, has the distinction of being the first woman to be elected to a seat in the Indiana legislature.

SHANTA VIEW NOTES.

Last Friday evening, despite the zero weather, a large number of patrons and many of the children of this district gathered at the school house for a party in honor of our teachers. Mrs. West, Miss Chase and Miss Kasper. The High school from Malin was also invited. Games were played and enjoyed by both old and young until about 10:30, when cake and coffee were served by the ladies. Each one left as a token for our worthy "three" a pound of something useful to any one "bachin", this part of the programme being a surprise to the recipients. Such gatherings bring us closer together and make a good feeling among teachers, children and parents and we believe more of such would be helpful.

Mrs. A. Turner, who has been spending a few months with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kirkpatrick, returned to her home at Klamath Falls Saturday.

Mrs. O. F. Glick, who has been visiting her people at Ashland, has returned to her home here.

The average wage of women in industry in Wisconsin has increased nearly fifty per cent during the past two years.

CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN PRESS AND COLLEGE.

EUGENE, Jan. 27.—Appointment of a field representative of the school of journalism of the University of Oregon here was recommended recently by sixty Oregon editors and publishers who attended the third annual state newspaper conference here.

Closer relations between the Oregon newspapers and the journalism school would come as a result of the work of the field representative, it is believed.

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