

## FIRE ALARM DISTRICTS

### Will Greatly Aid in Locating Fires

### DEPARTMENT IS BETTERED

### Rules and Regulations will be Strictly Enforced and Infringements Punished

A regular meeting of the firemen was held Monday evening when the entire department underwent an overhauling. As a result there were several members dropped from the roll for the reason they have not taken an active part in the past. It was decided that in future all members of the department would be required to attend meetings and fires, and failure to do so would result in a fine. When the transgression occurs three consecutive times, it will result in the suspension of such member.

It was the consensus of opinion that stricter discipline should prevail in the department, and from now on the rules and regulations of the department will be strictly enforced. This applies alike to members of the department and outsiders, and it behooves the latter to keep his distance and mouth shut during any future fire. In the past it has been the custom for bystanders to lend their assistance by the use of their lungs, thus causing confusion and conflict of orders. Whenever this happens again, the guilty party will be meted out immediate and effective punishment.

Another step taken will bring the department up to a point of greater efficiency than ever heretofore reached by the districting of the city into twenty fire districts. In the business and thickly settled portions of the city these districts will consist of four blocks; elsewhere the number of blocks is increased. Cards will be printed showing the location of these districts and number thereof. Thus, when an alarm is turned in and the number of the district given, it will be possible to go immediately to the section of the city wherein the conflagration may be located. This will be a great help and one that will result in the prevention of serious fires.

The question of an electric fire alarm system was discussed and it was the general opinion that one ought to be installed, but it was also decided that pending the accomplishment of such a result the city should be districted and every effort made to have the people turn in the alarm according to the number of the district where the fire is discovered.

The membership consists of the following:

**Active Members**—Chas. Biehn, Chas. I. Regan, J. J. Siemens, W. W. Baldwin, H. W. Baldwin, H. W. Baldwin, J. R. Ballard, Bert Withrow, J. H. Wilson, J. C. Mongold, Zim Baldwin, Neil Campbell, Ed W. Wakefield, W. O. Smith, Will G. Wilson, R. T. Baldwin, Will Humphrey, C. E. Humphrey, Harry Stills, Will Houston, C. T. Oliver, M. Hanks, C. E. Crisler, S. Grizzle, Holly Siemens, Sam Woodward, Bob Sloan, Alex Shive, Fred Sargent, Al

## DAIRY

Gale, Frank Niles, Harry Telford, R. J. Law, Edmond Gowen, Sam Chappell, C. L. Shattuck, L. L. Brownell, J. W. Hunsaker.

District No. 3—West side of river.

District No. 4—South of Main street, from the bridge to Center street.

District No. 5—Conger and California Avenues.

District No. 6—Ewauna Heights.

District No. 12—South of Main, between Center and Third.

District No. 13—South of Main, between Third and Fifth.

District No. 14—North of Main, between Third and Fifth.

District No. 15—South of Main, to Walnut between Fifth and Seventh.

District No. 16—North of Main to High, between Fifth and Seventh.

District No. 21—South of Main to Walnut, between Seventh and Ninth.

District No. 22—North of Main to High, between Seventh and Ninth.

District No. 23—Hot Springs district east of Main and Ninth.

District No. 24—South of Walnut to Plum, between Fourth and Sixth.

District No. 25—South of Walnut to Plum, between Sixth and Eighth.

District No. 31—South of Walnut and East of Eighth.

District No. 32—North of High to Jefferson, between Sixth and Eighth.

District No. 34—North of Jefferson, between Sixth and Eighth.

District No. 35—North of High to Jefferson, between Eighth and Tenth.

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## HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

Peterstener and Corpron Placed Under Heavy Bonds

Peter Peterstener and Frank Corpron were held Tuesday by Justice of the Peace Nicholas to await the action of the Grand Jury. The charge placed against the two men was assault with a deadly weapon. Peterstener's bond was fixed at \$5,000, which was furnished by Tony Castel, Henry Janssen and Mrs. Peterstener. Corpron's bond was fixed at \$1,000 and was furnished by George and Fred Biehn.

The whole affair is the outcome of a row that occurred in the Klamath Bar last week. The evidence adduced at the preliminary hearing is very contradictory and it is a difficult matter to disentangle the mass of testimony and weave from it anything tangible. One side testifies that the trouble started by Johnson breaking a billiard cue over Johnson Schmidt's head. After doing so, he rushed from the saloon and in his hurry to get out of the door jabbed the splintered end of the cue into his own eye. The other side states that Johnson left immediately following the assault on Schmidt, but did not take the cue with him; that he was followed outside by Peterstener and Corpron, the former carrying the broken cue, with which he struck Johnson, the result of the attack being the injury of Johnson's eye.

The most damaging evidence at the hearing was given by Jesse J. Hart, who stated that he passed the Klamath Bar on the evening of the 24th, and saw a man rush from the saloon and fall to the sidewalk; that he was followed by two men and that he heard two blows struck that he crossed over, and as he did so heard Corpron urge his companion not to strike the man who was down; that Peterstener had the butt end of a cue in his hand and was advancing in a threatening manner, when he, the witness, interfered.

Ludwig Biehn testified that neither Peterstener or Corpron had anything in their hands when they followed Johnson outside.

Dr. Maston testified that he was summoned to attend Johnson and found him in an intoxicated condition and very abusive, and would not let him touch him. He dressed the injured eye the next day, and found it to be in a very dangerous condition, badly swollen and protruding. A few days later he found it necessary to remove the eye, and found imbedded in it a splinter of wood about one-fourth to three-fourths of an inch long; that the injured man was in a very serious condition.

Inquiry Thursday morning brought out the fact that the chances for Johnson's recovery are very slim. He is still unconscious.

WEDDING BELLS

JANSSEN-BROOKS

Miss Leona Brooks and Henry Janssen were united in marriage at the Klamath House last Friday evening, Rev. J. B. Griffith officiating. No greater surprise has been sprung here for some time than the announcement that Mr. Janssen was going to be married, for it was supposed that he was a confirmed bachelor. This surprise, however, did not prevent his many friends from gathering to make merry over the event and extend to the happy couple their best wishes and congratulations. Mr. Janssen is one of the solid and industrious men of the city. Miss Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brooks of Swan Lake. They will make their home in this city.

HUGHES-POILL

Mrs. Estella M. Poill and James H. Hughes were married in Ashland on Xmas day, Rev. W. T. Van Scoy of that city performing the ceremony. Mr. Hughes is well known in this city, having been connected with the Midway Livery and Shop and later operating the stage line between this city and Bray. Mrs. Poill has resided here for the past two years, having come here from Lane county. They have many friends who extend congratulations. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left for Redding, Calif., where they will remain for a short time before returning to this city, where they will make their home.

Death of Mrs. H. V. Gates

Mrs. H. V. Gates died at her home in Hillsboro, Sunday evening. For the past several months she had been confined to her bed and her condition was such that no hopes were entertained for her recovery. It was not believed, however, that her death would occur so suddenly, and with this belief O. B. Gates, of this city, who was in Hillsboro, left for his home. When he reached Bay he received a message announcing the death of his mother.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Hon. H. V. Gates, two sons, O. B. of this city and S. E. of Schenectady, N. Y., and one daughter, Miss Helen. Mrs. Gates was quite well known in this city and her many friends extend to the bereaved family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

New Brokerage Firm

We desire to announce to the citizens of Klamath Falls and vicinity that we have opened a business and realty brokerage office in the West room of the Houston Hotel building. We will make short time loans on good security and on articles of value, a specialty of listing, buying and selling business houses, rooming houses, etc., and listing property for sale or rent. We will make a free photo for display at our office or mailing of all property listed with us. We hope to merit the good will and friendship of all, and enjoy a share of your patronage. We firmly believe in the bright future of the Klamath country and are already advertising it in Eastern papers.

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S. A. White of Bonanza was in the city Tuesday.

## Butte Valley

M. D. Early, manager of the California Butte Valley Land company, arrived here Monday evening for the purpose of seeing what sort of a town Klamath Falls was and getting acquainted with its business men. Mr. Early's company is the corporation that is doing so much towards the settling up of the Butte Valley country, and the progress it has made in this direction is sufficient to make the people of this county sit up and take notice. One year ago the first two families arrived in Butte Valley. Following them came the first excursion, the members of which arrived at the Prather ranch March 13, 1907. Since that time five other excursions have arrived there, bringing in actual settlers. On January 14 another excursion will leave Chicago, and it is expected that at least a carload of homeseekers will take advantage of it. If they do as well as the last one that came there, it will mean the sale of upwards of five thousand acres of land.

Sixty families have moved in and made Butte Valley their home during the past seven months and during the last eight weeks about 5,000 acres of land have been sold. Much of the land sold during this winter has been to people who will come out next spring and join hands with those already there in making Butte Valley blossom as the rose. It is expected that during the next six months that from 100 to 150 families will come to Butte Valley, and this number is apt to be greatly increased through the several excursions planned.

The California Butte Valley Land company owns 33,340 acres of land, and at the rate it has been disposing of it during the past few months will not have any left in another year. When the people of this county stop and examine this record, they may find something to pattern after. The hue and cry here has been "Send us farmers." But the Butte Valley company does not seem to use this as a motto, but goes and gets the farmer and places him on the land. The argument will be advanced that this is made possible through the Dundark organization, but the actual results are due more to the fact that the people were brought in on excursions. When it is remembered that land there has been selling at from \$35 to \$50 an acre and that nearly one township has been disposed of, some idea of the amount of money involved and the extent of settlement may be grasped. There is no reason why just such a result cannot be accomplished for Klamath County, if the people here will get together and organize for the purpose.

Speaking of the future of this section of the country, Mr. Early said:

"Everyone realizes that we have a great country here, and when I say 'here' I do not mean Butte Valley alone, but all of Siskiyou and Klamath counties. The sooner the people realize that there is no dividing line and all work together the better it will be for all of us. Klamath Falls is the natural distributing point for all of this section, and it is being built up at its door a great market—the Butte Valley.

The development there during the past year is simply a miniature indication of what the future will bring forth and it would not be bad business policy for the people of this city to keep that section in mind and work for its trade.

"An extensive program has been mapped out by our company for next year and I am confident that it will be productive of much greater results than has the work done since we entered the field, great as that has been. Butte Valley is a great section, being built up on a great foundation by a great people and the best evidence of the truth of what I say and the solidity of the enterprise is what has been accomplished there during the past eight months."

FORT KLAMATH

Miss Nellie Melhase came up from the Falls to spend Xmas and may remain until after New Year's.

Creed Murphy and family have come to town, where they will remain for the winter, he having resigned his position as foreman of the Wood River ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Low are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Smart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jackson are enjoying a visit from Columbus Porter of Ashland.

Ora Engle and Mrs. George S. Hoyt are visiting relatives at the County Seat.

It is reported that Mr. Fletcher, who lives on the Melhase ranch, will leave shortly for either Portland or San Francisco, where he will have an operation performed for appendicitis, from which he has been a sufferer for some time.

The Xmas tree entertainment at the school was one of the most successful that we have had here. The tree was quite heavily laden with gifts and was beautifully decorated. The program was a fine one and the participants acquitted themselves in a manner that was very creditable to their teacher.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sisemore entertained a large num-

## ber of their friends in a manner that will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be the guests of this hospitable couple. The evening was passed by indulgence in games and smoking, followed by a luncheon that was replete with all the delicacies that the appetite could wish for. When the guests departed it was with the wish that ere long they would be the recipients of another invitation to this hospitable home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippert and T. J. Jackson were here this week visiting relatives.

New Year's Party

The Misses Baldwin, Worden, Campbell, Sargent, Ellis, and Campbell were hostesses to a unique party, New Year's eve. The affair was a progressive one, the guests going first to the home of Miss Worden, which was beautifully decorated in Oregon grape, fir, Christmas bells, and Japanese lanterns. Unique amusements and a dainty lunch were provided for the guests, after which they repaired to the home of the Misses Campbell, also beautifully decorated in Christmas greens, and a large tower over which hung a Xmas bell. Under the arch a mock wedding ceremony was performed with the different guests as members of the bridal party. After a New England supper the guests hurried away to Baldwin's four-story brick where a team was in waiting to take the guests on a grand excursion from the old year 1907 to the new year 1908.

The rooms on the third floor of the Baldwin building were fitted up to represent a depot, baggage and waiting rooms and a car.

The train carried a variety of passengers, each guest impersonating a character. The evening ended with a dance and the merriment was kept up until the wee sma' hours.

21st Anniversary

The 21st anniversary of the A. O. U. W. lodge was celebrated Tuesday evening, on which occasion members were initiated and a banquet served. This lodge now has a membership of 185 and is one of the most substantial in the State. When it was first organized there were fourteen charter members, only two of whom withdrew from the order. Its existence has been marked with success and the benefits accruing to this community through the agency of this lodge have been very great. It was therefore with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of the members, and much satisfaction to many of the original founders that the twenty-first anniversary was so fittingly commemorated.

A Solemn Service

Last Monday evening at the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church, Mr. Roy Banks, after examination by the Presiding Elder, was voted a local preacher's license. Mr. Banks will be on trial for two years. If at that time the annual conference is convinced that he possesses gifts and graces for the office of a minister, he will be ordained deacon; and two years from that time he will be ordained elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thomas left this week for Roseburg, where they will visit with relatives for a few weeks. From there they will go to Southern California, where they will remain for the winter.

## NEW MAIL SCHEDULE

### New Stage Company in Pokegama Field

### MEANS A BITTER FIGHT

### As a Result of Change in Train Schedule Mail will Arrive 12 Hours Sooner

The breach between the transportation magnates is opening wider and wider each day, until it now seems that there is going to be the long predicted war—a war that will either lead to extermination of one faction or the other or great financial loss.

The announcement is made this week that there is going to be a change in the schedule of the Klamath Lake railroad. To the casual observer this is simply a commonplace announcement, but when analyzed it means the forcing of the O. & C. T. company to carry the mails while the other company will carry the passengers. The announcement is as follows:

Daily—Leave Thrall at 4 p. m., arrive Pokegama 6:05 p. m. Leave Pokegama 7 a. m., arrive Thrall at 9:05 a. m.

In connection with the Pokegama train the Straw, McIntire Stage company will run through day stages between Klamath Falls and Pokegama, leaving either end at 6 a. m.

This will give passengers a through ride to and from the railroad during daylight hours.

In addition to this Manager Abbott announces that all passengers missing connection with trains on the Southern Pacific railroad at Thrall by reason of delays either on the Klamath Lake railroad or Straw, McIntire Stage line, will be entertained free of charge at the hotels either at Thrall or Pokegama until connection is made.

The fare either way between Thrall and Klamath Falls is to be \$5.50.

The fight will be a bitter one for the three men engaged in it are perhaps the best fighters in the State. Everyone knows what a vigorous scrap Manager Abbott can put up. He has shown his mettle on several occasions. In addition to his bulldog tenacity he is very resourceful. Davis and McIntire are right up in the front rank and unless they get together and compromise their differences things will be lively in the transportation circles this winter.

In all this the people of this city are going to benefit, insofar as the mail is concerned. Under the new schedule the mail will reach here in the morning instead of the night, and will thus land mail here at least twelve hours earlier than usual. For which the citizens are very thankful.

The stage will leave this city from the American hotel at 7 a. m.; Pokegama at 6:30 a. m. The excess baggage rate will be 2 cents per pound; first class freight will also be carried at this rate. Tickets will be on sale at Straw's stable, American hotel and the McIntire freight office. At the latter place tickets can be purchased for all points on the Southern Pacific line and baggage checked thereto.

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