MAIN STREET BUILDINGS BURN

FLAMES CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE THIS MORNING

OPERA HOUSE WAS THREATENED

Fire Broke Out About 3:30—Some of the Merchants Will Sustain Heavy Loss

A fire which broke out about 3:30 a. m. Thursday came near taking the block on Main street, between First and Second streets, and if it had not been that the fire department responded quickly and there was no wind the damage would have been much greater. As it was, some of the merchants will be heavy losers.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the City bakery, although the proprietors of that institution say that it started somewhere else.

Night Patrolman William Hall was the first to discover the blaze and turned in the alarm.

The flames soon spread to the adjoining structures on the west, and soon the buildings from the bakery to the Capitol soft drink parlor were blazing.

The bakery and Bon Ton grocery were purchased the first of the month by G. E. Roush and B. M. John, who bought out Roush & Evans. They had a stock estimated at $800 and furniture worth $500. On the grocery stock they carried insurance to the amount of $400, but above that amount they will lose.

The City bakery was gutted and the rooming house over it, as well as the lodging house over the pool room and bowling alley conducted by Wishard & Barnes, was completely destroyed.

The building in which the bakery was located is owned by Thomas Stephenson of Riverside, Calif., and was insured for $600.

The room in the rear of the Capitol soft drink parlor was wrecked and the damage by water to the remainder of the building was such that the structure is practically worthless.

The Chinese store run by the Hong Sing company was not injured by the flames, but the damage by water will amount to considerable.

The loss to J. B. Vollmer and J. L. Pool will reach probably $500.

The small building occupied by the Express uptown office and A. Morris, the shoemaker, was torn down to prevent the flames from reaching the opera house.

Morris' loss will reach $250, with $350 insurance.

Everything in the Express office was removed, including the glass door. J. Scott Taylor can now be found in the P. C. Lavey Real Estate company's office.

Ripley Brothers' pool room, which has been leased by Wishard & Barnes, was badly damaged. The loss will be quite heavy, the bowling alleys themselves costing in the neighborhood of $1,500. They carry $2,500 insurance, however, Tom Stephens having a $2,000 risk on the property.

George Pan, the Chinaman, owned the building in which the bowling alley and Capitol soft drink parlor were located. Mr. Tolliver had an option on the building, but it is stated that the transfer had not been made.

D. H. McDonald, a carriage painter, was sleeping in a rear room in the Capitol lodging house, and heard the alarm, and as soon as he saw the flames he awoke the other occupants of the building. He managed to save his bedding, but his suitcase and shoes were burned.

John McDonald lost some of his clothing at the same place, but he had taken his suitcase to his brothers', or he would have lost that also.

Few of the buildings can be rebuilt.

THUGS ROB STRANGER IN CHICO PUBLIC PARK

Secure a Watch, Bible and $145—Pursued by a Posse and Desperate Battle Is Expected

CHICO, Calif., Sept. 23.—As Lewis Worley, a stranger from the East, with his wife and 5-months-old baby were strolling in Bidwell park today two thugs seized Worley and throwing him to the ground robbed him of a watch, a Bible and $145 and escaped. They later discarded the Bible. The police and a posse are chasing the men up Iron canyon, and a hand-to-hand battle is expected, as the thugs are armed ex-convicts, and are desperate men.

PACIFIC AND EASTERN IS NEARLY COMPLETED

MEDFORD, Sept. 22.—Until the permanent depot is constructed by the Pacific and Eastern railway in the yards at this place the brick house on East Main street will serve as a substitute. The partitions of the building will be torn down within the next few days and new divisions that are required will be built. The house is solidly constructed, and will serve well as a temporary depot.

The grading of the Pacific and Eastern roadbed is complete to the east end of the Bear creek bridge. This completes the grading of the track between Butte Falls and Medford. Gangs of men are laying steel out of Eagle Point towards Butte Falls. The construction of small bridges en route is the only delay that prevents the Hill line from being completed. Bridges, ties, rails and all will be completed and trains running to Butte Falls within six weeks. Steel has been laid on the line into the city to a point well within the city limits.

AEROPLANE FALLS 3,000 FEET AND OPERATOR IS HURT

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 23.—Chaves was probably fatally hurt when he descended near Domosodal. His [illegible] he fell 3,000 feet. In the last 20 [illegible] righted itself, checking [illegible] es leg and hip were fractured, and [illegible] is believed that his skull is fract[illegible]ed and probably he [illegible]tained [illegible]rnal injuries. He fell [illegible] engine, and was uncons[illegible] a rescued from the wreckage.

When he recovered his senses he said the extreme cold was not realized until it was too late. His condition was such that when he tried to manipulate the planes he was unable to move his hands.

FLIES OVER THE ALPS IN A MONOPLANE

Flight From Switzerland to Italy Will Probably Be Successful in Spite of Adverse Winds

DRIEG, Switzerland, Sept. 23.—Chaves flew in his monoplane over Elwplon pass this afternoon, en route to Milan. It is expected that in spite of adverse winds he will complete his flight.

WILL BUILD SECOND BUSINESS BLOCK

H. M. BRISTOL PUTTING IN ANOTHER FOUNDATION

First of Its Kind in This City—Will Present a Very Handsome Appearance

H. M. Bristol is so enthusiastic over the prospects for the growth of Klamath Falls that instead of erecting one modern structure on Main street he will put up two store buildings. He has the forms for one of them already up, and is now getting the foundations ready for a second structure. They are both to be on Main street near the Portland Store, and will be monolithic concrete buildings, the first of the kind ever erected here. The foundations for the first building are already in, and when they were first built Mr. Bristol only intended to erect the one building. But since then he has concluded that he might as well finish the job at once, and he is preparing to have both erected.

They are to be one story in height, of concrete, and the walls will be so constructed that one and two stories may be added if desired. They will have handsome plate glass fronts and with the broad concrete sidewalk that is to be laid will make that part of the street very attractive.

Mr. Bristol is one of the men who back their faith with their money, and there is no doubt that he will be amply rewarded in the form of income when his property is completed and ready to be occupied.

He has ninety feet front, and will divide the buildings into four store rooms, which will be modern in every respect.

The concrete mixer is being taken from the septic tank to the Bristol block, where it will probably be in operation by tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE AT EUGENE GROWS

Second Day's Enrollment Shows Increase of 80 Over Same day Last Year

EUGENE, Sept. 24.—The total registration in the college of science, literature and arts, and in the college of engineering of the University of Oregon, at the end of the second day numbered 480, an increase of 80 over the enrollment at the end of the second day last year. At the end of the first week last year the registration was 625 in these departments, and a registration of over 800 is expected this year. The enrollment in the schools of music, medicine and law is not obtainable yet.

R. G. Sherman of Chisop Falls, Wis., arrived here Sunday night and left for Merrill Monday, where he is visiting friends.

THIRD RAILROAD FOR KLAMATH FALLS

START MADE ON CONSTRUCTION OF MODOC NORTHERN

Ericksen & Petterson Secure the Contract for the First One Hundred Miles

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 22.—Contracts have been let for a railroad between Fernley and Lassen, in the northeastern part of the state, which railroad will eventually be extended into Lakeview and Klamath Falls. This will afford Portland a new southern route all the way to Los Angeles.

Erickson & Petterson have secured the contract for the 100 miles of railroad. The same contractors are now building a large section of the Southern Pacific cutoff in Placer county.

Over other roads yet to be built it will reach the Sacramento Valley at Chico or Vina, and will reach Klamath Falls Alturas, Modoc county and Lakeview. Surveys for all these routes have been made and companies have been incorporated. Over this road and the Oregon Southeastern, now building between Natron and Klamath Falls, a new north and south route will be secured from Portland to Los Angeles, and Portland will have shorter connection with the Central Pacific.

This is the first line of the Modoc Northern, and means the starting of what will eventually mean the second railroad for Klamath Falls, and giving to this city a through line to the East. Rights of way for the Modoc Northern between this city and Alturas have been secured over practically all of the route. Right of Way Agent Worden has been devoting a great deal of his time to this work for the past several months, and has met with splendid success.

The coming of the Modoc Northern means more for this city than the average person imagines. With this line and the Oregon Trunk, Klamath Falls will have three trunk lines. Reliable information has it that within the near future the announcement may be looked for that the Western Pacific will build to this city, thus giving it a railroad service second to none on the coast. It means that Klamath Falls will be a terminal point of large proportions, and will control practically all of the wholesale business in this territory.

The belief that the Southern Pacific will eventually place its general repair shops in this city is growing stronger every day. W. C. Gifford, who has just returned from San Francisco, states that he received information to this effect from a source that he considers absolutely reliable. Should the shops be located here it would be the biggest lift this city has ever had, as it would mean a weekly payroll of thousands of dollars and the bringing of hundreds of new residents.

TAXES SHOULD BE PAID NOW

PENALTY WILL BE ADDED BEFORE VERY LONG

Only Eleven More Days Remain in Which to Settle Without Having Increased Cost

Every person who has not paid his taxes should do so at once, for there remains only eleven days in which to do so without being subject to the penalty provided by law. The time limit is up October 3d, and unless the taxes are settled for by that time there will be a penalty added to the tax which will have to be paid as well as what is already due.

Sheriff Barnes is notifying everyone he can that the taxes are due by that time or the penalty will be enforced, as he does wish anyone to be compelled to add the penalty to the amount of tax already due. Pay your taxes today and thus avoid the penalty.

The final date of payment is the first Monday in October, but in case the last half is not paid by that time the amount due will draw interest from the preceding April at the rate of 1 per cent a month. Besides this, a penalty of 10 per cent is added, which will make quite a burden in addition to the tax itself. Everyone who is delinquent should see that his taxes are paid before October 3.

GRISWOLD SECRETARY OF SECURITIES COMMISSION

CINCINNATI, Sept. 24.—Secretary Norton announced today that B. F. Griswold of New York had been chosen secretary of the railroad securities commission which the new railroad bill had created.

CINCINNATI Sept. 24.—President Taft spent the day quietly, he having no political appointments. He starts for Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

ODD FELLOWS LAY CORNERSTONE

APROPRIATE CEREMONIES ARE OBSERVED

Services Are Witnessed by a Large Number of Members of the Order and Rebekahs

The cornerstone of the new temple which the Odd Fellows of this city are erecting on the corner of Main and Fifth streets was laid Thursday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies.

The members of the order assembled at the lodge room at 1 o'clock and marched from there to the new temple. The officers who were to perform the ceremonies went to the second story of the building, where the cornerstone was to be laid, while the members formed a circle in the street around the corner of the structure.

The ceremonies were performed by the following acting grand lodge officers:

Grand Master—W. O. Smith.
Deputy Grand Master—Geo. R. Hurn.
Grand Secretary—Frank L. Armstrong.
Grand Treasurer—P. L. Fountain
Grand Chaplain—M. R. Doty.
Grand Warden—Fred Bremer.
Grand Conductor—R. G. Sheets.
Grand Marshal—Percival Scholl.

W. O. Smith, who had been deputized by the grand master to act in his stead, performed the ceremonies and he and all of the Odd Fellows who took part performed their work very creditably.

The building will be one of the handsomest in the state and will be a credit to both the order and to the city. Its financial success is assured.

In the cornerstone was laid a box containing a history of the lodge and the construction of the temple, a copy of each of the Klamath Falls daily papers, a roster of the members of Klamath Lodge No. 137, and several coins.

THIS COUNTY IS WELL ADVERTISED

NO BETTER PLACE TO BE FOUND IN THE WEST

C. M. O'Neill Returns From a Business Trip to Canada More Than Pleased With His Home

Attorney C. M. O'Neill returned Wednesday from Edmonton, Canada, where he went three weeks ago on legal matters connected with an estate of one of his clients. Next day he entertained a large number of his friends, who called at his office to welcome him back, with stories of the greatness of Klamath county, as compared with what he saw on his trip.

"The people here have no idea of what those in other sections of this coast have suffered the past season. We seem to sit down here and wrapping our arms around ourselves we bemoan our misfortunes, while as a matter of fact we have every reason to be rejoicing. I have been in what is supposed to be the crack localities of Washington and Oregon, and if those who think we suffered here could see what I saw they would soon realize that Klamath county has no reason to complain.

"From here to Canada havoc has been wrought, but you hear nothing of it. The people who live in the sections that suffered worst smile and tell you about the great crops they have raised, but when you get next to the real facts they were burned up by the frost that visited the coast last June.

"The best bunch of boosters I met on the entire trip are those of the Rogue River Valley. This has been a hard season on them over there, on account of the drought. While drawing comparisons between Klamath county and their section I was surprised at the length and breadth of their imagination. This county ought to be around the north pole if it fitted into their description. I was nearly mobbed by a crowd of them that gathered in the smoking room of our Pullman when I happened to remark that the Rogue River Valley was certainly noted for one thing, so far as I could see—that it was the only place in the world today that was growing dried apples on its trees.

"Klamath county is the best advertised place I have ever known. Everywhere I went people wanted more information about it, and when once we get on the main line so that people can reach here easily there will be a great influx of homeseekers and investors. The difficulty of reaching here from the north is a little too much for the average person."

GIRL AND MOTHER ARE WATCHED BY DETECTIVES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Persons have been spying on Beatrice Turnbull and her mother, who have apartments in a hotel here. It was discovered last night by Detective Burke that some one was in the hotel. It is said that the hotel employes reported that a man had peeked through the keyhole and had talked with others who were on a roof overlooking the Turnbull apartments. They left when the detective arrived. It is believed they are private detectives. The girl is contesting for a share in the estate of "Lucky" Baldwin.

H. F. Long and wife of Modesto Calif., arrived here Sunday night and left for Merrill to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Blodgett and family.

THREE GIRLS AND THREE MEN MEET DEATH

Automobile Overturns When Going Around Curve and Machine Plunges Into Canal

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—Thos. Butler, owner of the automobile, Jos. Freedman, a perfumery drummer, and an unidentified man, and three chorus girls of the Queen Moulin Rogue company, were killed at 4 o'clock this morning when the automobile struck a curve and turning upside down, landed in the basin of the canal, fifteen feet below the roadway.

Great Removal Sale

WE have rented the large store-room now occupied by the K K K store, and will move there about January 1st next. This removal is made necessary to secure more floor space for our increasing trade and the large stock of goods which we always carry. To save trouble and costs of removal, we will, beginning October 1st next, and for 90 days thereafter, discount all purchases amounting to $5 and over five per cent for cash. When you consider the very low selling price at which our goods are marked, you will certainly know that we are offering the purchasing public real bargains. Did you ever hear of a harness store offering you a discount of five per cent for cash? Visit us and you will see this real fact. **All our large lines of saddles, hand-made chaps, harness, fine plush robes, blankets, sweat pads, gloves are included in this offer. Come and let us show you some real bargains before you buy.**

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