

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

THE DAY AFTER THE FIRE MR. ACKERMAN ANSWERS

DAMAGE TO COURT HOUSE WILL STATE SUPERINTENDENT HAS NOT EXCEED \$600.

Maps, Papers and Instruments of County Surveyor Herrick Were Ruined by Water.

(From Daily February 23d.) To all outward appearances yesterday no one would for an instant imagine that Marion county's stately court house so narrowly escaped destruction from fire on the preceding night...

During the day several hundred visited the building, and viewed the origin of the fire and damage that has resulted to the building from the water. That part of the three floors occupied by County Surveyor B. E. Herrick Jr., Sheriff Durbin and the apartments occupied by that officer are water-soaked. The walls of the surveyor's office are considerably charred, and the wood work in that department was damaged to a small extent in reaching the seat of the fire.

Surveyor Herrick yesterday overhauled his office, and ascertained the amount of damage done there. His maps, papers and draughting instruments were ruined, entailing a loss to the county of about \$100. The instruments had warped so badly that they are useless.

The plaster in the sheriff's office remains intact yet, but when the dampness has been absorbed it is expected the walls will crumble away to a great extent, necessitating the replastering of that office, as well as the rooms occupied by the sheriff on the lower floor, immediately below the office. It is thought the damage to the building will not exceed \$600.

Sheriff Durbin and deputies have found temporary quarters in the county court room until their office is again habitable. The sheriff and his family are living in the apartments on the north side of the lower floor of the building until the other rooms have been repaired.

There is said to be a number of other wooden bricks at present in use in the flues of the court house. An investigation should be made as a precautionary step towards dispensing with the possibility of a repetition of another such an incident blaze, that might be attended with more serious results. All such "bricks" and evidences of defective workmanship should be remedied immediately.

The incident of Tuesday night's fire at the court house, will revive in the minds of the pioneer residents of this city the narrow escape from destruction, through the instrumentality of same agent, that occurred to the same institution in the summer of 1875. At that time the building was lighted by gas, generated in a small gas machine, which was located on the north side of the basement corridor. Samuel McGee was janitor and nightwatch of the court house then, and while engaged in filling the generator one afternoon, about 3 o'clock, an explosion took place which set the stairway on fire and the flames quickly spread to the upper story, but by the heroic efforts of the part of the volunteer fire department the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. The suggestion was made at that time that better facilities for fighting fire should be provided within the court house; it went unheeded and to this day the building is without such apparatus, excepting a few yards of rotten hose stuck in one corner of the water closet, in the extreme northeast corner of the second story. Like the capitol, the court house ought to be well piped and numerous 1 1/2 or 2-inch "plugs" stationed throughout its nooks and corners, with the best of hose on reels and kept attached constantly. Had there been such apparatus in the structure last Tuesday night, Thos. McNary, the nightwatch, could have extinguished the blaze in quick time, and with less water than was used; and, of course, the damage would have been considerably smaller.

TWO RUNAWAY LADS.

Are Intercepted at Salem and Committed to the Reform School.

Charles Granston, aged 13 years, and Jasper Ballant, who has experienced an equal number of summers, spent Tuesday night in the Salem city jail. Late in the evening they applied at the police station for a place to spend the night and were furnished accommodations in the jail. Upon being questioned by Chief of Police Gibson, the lads admitted that their homes were in McMinnville and confessed to having run away.

Surmising that the youngsters had perpetrated some mischief, Chief Gibson on Wednesday morning communicated with Sheriff W. G. Henderson, of Yamhill county, relative to the boys. Chief Gibson learned that the boys had committed a theft in McMinnville and being thoroughly incorrigible, had left that city, expecting to rustle for themselves in this world.

Sheriff Henderson procured commitment papers for the boys' admission to the state reform school and came to this city yesterday afternoon, when he accompanied the youthful evil-doers to the state reformatory.

They are exceptionally bright boys and possess the talent requisite to the making of useful members of society, with the proper restrictions and helpful instructions that will be given them at that institution.

MADE HIS WILL EVERY SECOND DAY.

James W. Brown, a prominent citizen of Chatham, Canada, died a few days ago, aged 65. He was worth about \$20,000. He was in the habit of writing a will every other day, so that it is not definitely known yet what he has done with his money.

THE FIRST VETO MESSAGE

GOVERNOR GEER DISAPPROVES THE HORSEHOERS' BILL.

Filed in the State Department at a Late Hour Last Night—Holiday at the Capitol.

Gov. T. Geer yesterday prepared his first veto message, and filed it in the state department at 9:40 o'clock last evening. It was his expression of the disapproval of house bill No. 112, introduced by Representative R. E. Moody, of Multnomah county, to regulate the practice of horseshoeing.

Governor Geer spent the major portion of yesterday in his office, being busily engaged in considering the bills, passed by the legislature during its closing hours. Arrangements had been made by the governor and the other heads of the departments to visit the state institutions near this city, but so much work depended upon the executive, that he was unable to accompany the party: State Superintendent Ackerman being also unable to go. Secretary Dunbar and Treasurer Moore alone making a visit to the insane asylum.

In all of the offices, yesterday, routine work, which had accumulated incident to the increased business had during the legislative session, kept the clerical forces engaged, and only a few of the clerks enjoyed yesterday as a holiday.

Walter Lyon, private secretary to Governor Geer, made a trip to Portland on the afternoon train, going for a brief business visit.

CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

NICARAGUA MUST ANSWER FOR ITS OFFENSES.

To the United States Government—Cruiser Detroit Is Ordered to Go to Bluefields.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Having repeatedly offended the United States, Nicaragua is to be called to account for her impolitic action. Apparently at the instance of the Nicaraguan government, such censorship has been applied to all cable and telegraph lines controlled by President Zelaya that it has been absolutely impossible for the state or navy departments to communicate with their agents. Protests made to Senor Correa, the Nicaraguan minister here, are of no avail. Pretexts to the cable companies have finally determined to take the matter into their own hands and has ordered a naval investigation preparatory to such action as may seem proper.

The cruiser Detroit will make the investigation. Her commanding officer, Commander J. H. Dayton, has been ordered to proceed with his vessel from New Orleans to Bluefields, where he will consult with Commander F. H. Symonds, commanding the Marietta, now there, and deliver to him the instructions he has been vainly trying to send by cable.

The Detroit will then proceed to Greytown, where Commander Dayton will make an investigation into Nicaragua's peculiar action. He will be assisted in his inquiry by Commander Symonds, who will remain at Bluefields the center of the revolution, to provide protection for American citizens and interests. What is especially peculiar in connection with Nicaragua's refusal to permit messages from or to the American agents within its boundaries is that she allows cable communication between the British warship and British agents in Nicaragua and British officers outside that country.

In some circles there is a belief that the Nicaraguan government is endeavoring to curry favor with Great Britain. Just for what reason, however, is not apparent in view of the willingness of the London government to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so as to give the United States a free hand in the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Dispatches sent to the Marietta have been addressed "Marietta, Greytown," but they went no further than the lines controlled by foreign corporations.

Nicaragua's action is very annoying, and as soon as the authorities were convinced that cablegrams sent to the American agents were deliberately held up, Senor Correa was summoned, and through him a protest was made to President Zelaya. A satisfactory explanation has not been made, nor have the authorities been able to get any message through within the last few days.

It is said there is no excuse for the refusal to give the messages, as Greytown is in possession of President Zelaya's government, and operations of the insurgents are confined to Bluefields and vicinity. Moreover, the American man of war at Bluefields is simply to provide protection for American interests, and it is said that President Zelaya ought to fully understand this. It may be, however, that he does not desire the true condition of affairs in Eastern Nicaragua to become known and this may be the reason for the censorship.

Should the abuse continue, the authorities may go so far as to direct the Detroit to take temporary possession of the cable station at Greytown in order to get a message through.

USED TO WAG HIS EARS.

Scientists assert that early man used to be able to wag his ears as an indication of pleasure, or to brush away flies from under his back hair; but as the muscles were not brought into continual use they became rudimentary.

HOW TO PLACE THE ROWS.

The curious fact that corn, potatoes and other plants thrive better when placed in rows running north and south has now been proved. Planted thus, they obtain more uniform and regular light.

AUCTION!!

The entire new and well selected stock of

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To be sold under the hammer. This is an opportunity never before offered in Salem to secure rare and up-to-date goods at your own prices. To those not familiar with the lines carried, we will mention a few of the many desirable articles included in this slaughter sale:

All our plain and decorated China, Semi-procelain Dinner and Tea Sets, Novelty Ornaments and Vases, Decorated Jardineers and Flower Pots, Vase and Hanging Lamps and Shades, Mahogany and Oak China Cabinets, Screens, Easels, Rugs, Portiers, Novelty Bamboo Furniture, Bric-a-Brack, Hammocks and Refrigerators, Imported and Domestic Glassware,

And numerous other useful household articles. Our storeroom has been leased for other purposes and we must clear out the stock at once.

The sale begins Monday, February 20, at 2 p. m., and will be continued at 7 p. m.

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309 Commercial St.

S. Friedman, Auctioneer.

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Proprietor of

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DR. STONE.

Has had some 25 years experience in the practice of medicine and now makes no charge for consultation, examination or prescription.

AN OREGON SOLDIER

KILLED IN A BATTLE WITH THE FILIPINOS.

Edward W. Hampton, of Company H, the First of His Regiment to Be Shot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Otis has cabled the war department as follows: Manila, Feb. 22.—The following casualties in the entrenchments were caused yesterday by the men exposing themselves to the enemy's fire: First California—Sergeant Frank N. Thurton, wounded, slight; Private Jas. P. Cassidy, killed.

The following were killed during a reconnaissance this morning in the vicinity of San Pedro Macabulos: First Washington—Wounded slightly, company E, Privates Joseph H. Cardington, Christian E. Horn, H. D. Hazard. Wounded seriously—Company H, Corporal W. B. Tucker.

Killed—Private Edwin W. Hampton, company H, Second Oregon.

The following casualties occurred in skirmish near the water works this morning: First Nebraska—Wounded, Private John F. Alley, slight; Charles Govrick, slight. (Signed) Otis.

(The following sketch of the young man is taken from the Portland Telegram last evening: "Edward W. Hampton, the first Oregon soldier to be killed in action at the Philippines, was a son of John Hampton, a furniture mover, who lives at 297 San Rafael street.

"The deceased was 20 years old last October, and has lived in Portland since he was 4 years of age. His father moved here from Nebraska sixteen years ago, and has raised his family in East Portland, where the dead soldier was well-known and very popular.

"The first intimation of the death of his son that Mr. Hampton had was when a Telegram reporter called at his house at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"The blow is a sad one to the father and five children. They had a letter from the son last Saturday in which he said he was well, and as well contented as one could be in Manila. He said that he would like to be at home, but was willing to remain there as long as his services were needed.

Mr. Hampton, from the fact that company H had been on duty at the custom house. When he read in the newspapers that the Oregon boys had been ordered to the front he consoled himself with the thought that the company his boy was in would not have to go.

"Young Hampton joined company H only a few days before it left for San Francisco. He had been employed for three years in the ash and door factory of the Northwest Door Company, where he is very highly spoken of by his employers.

"He recently sent some Spanish flags and several curios home to his father, which are highly prized by the Hampton household."

ACQUITTED.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 22.—Private advices from Manila say that Lieutenant Colonel Fife, of the First Washington regiment, court-martialed on charges of intoxication, has been acquitted, the charges proving utterly without foundation.

When the charges against Fife were refuted, the case against Captain Ehrlich was immediately dropped, as there was no evidence of his guilt, or of any reprehensible action.

MARRIED.

HOWARD—WEBB.—At the residence of the groom in this city, No. 453 Marion street, at high noon, Wednesday, February 22, 1899, Mrs. Jennie Webb to Silas E. Howard, Rev. W. E. Copeland, of Unity church, officiating.

DIED.

SKINNER.—At the residence of Caleb Hughes, in Polk county, near this city, at 11:30 a. m., Wednesday, February 22, 1899, of a grippe, Robert L. Skinner, aged 80 years and 3 months. The deceased leaves one son, H. A. Skinner.

New

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Some of the very swell late things. NEW SHOES For ladies, misses and children. NEW JEWELLED COMBS

Everything sold at the lowest racket prices for cash. It's a saving to you from 10 to 20 per cent on most things. See our patent leather belt at 19c and our ladies' turned lace shoe at \$2.75.

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Is again full of a good line of the staple line of tin and grannie-ware of all sorts, wire strainers, roasters, etc., coffee pots, tea pots and tea kettles in nickel-plated copper, and the thousand and one things you always need, at lowest racket prices. Come and see. BROWNIE LUNCH BOXES ALL SIZES.

THE OYSTER.

Oysters, after they have been brought away from the sea, know by instinct the exact hour when the tide is rising and approaching their beds, and so, of their own accord, open their shells to receive their food from the sea.

New Dress Skirts

Arrived today. We will have them on exhibition next week. They are new patterns and are all made in the latest styles. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$6.75. Cheaper than making them yourself and better fitting garments you never saw. We would be pleased to show you these goods. You will find them nicely lined and trimmed.

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Tribune

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