

FIERCE BLAZE IN PORTLAND

Discovered at 5:20 in Western Lumber Co.'s Mill

SOON BEYOND CONTROL

Two Lumber Companies and Stock Yards Suffer a Heavy Loss

ORIGIN OF FIRE IS NOT KNOWN, BUT SUPPOSED TO HAVE STARTED IN DRY KILN—TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSS \$210,000—PARTIALLY INSURED.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—Fire which started in a dry kiln of the Western Lumber Company, this morning, at 5:20 o'clock, destroyed the mills and yard of the Western Lumber Company, the planing mill of J. A. Martin & Co. and the Union Stock Yards. The loss will amount to nearly \$250,000, only partially insured. For four hours the fire department fought the flames under every disadvantage in the way of water supply before they finally got the fire under control. A change of wind at 8 o'clock materially aided in the saving of the mills of the Eastern Lumber Company. It is estimated that 5,000,000 feet of lumber was burned.

It was just twenty minutes past 5 o'clock when the night shift in the Western Lumber Company's mill were aroused by the cry of fire. At the same moment several men, including the head sawyer, J. Anderson, saw smoke pouring out of the roof of a dry kiln which stood on the line between the Western's yards and those of J. A. Martin's planing mill. Almost with the first alarm from the men the flames crept out between the shingles, and an instant later the kiln was a roaring furnace. As soon as possible the mill hands stretched four lines of hose and tried to beat back the flames, which were now threatening the offices of the Western and the main mill. Before many minutes had passed it was seen that the fire was also burning from under the dock, and a line of hose was immediately sent down. A. Sanders and Thomas Trubitzer attempted to quench this blaze, that was steadily eating into the piling and stringers that ran under the dry kiln across a bridge to Martin's mill. This attempt, too, was useless, and it was abandoned after the decision was made to put every effort on the saving of the main plant.

In the meantime an alarm had been sent in from box 43 at Seventeenth and Front streets. Chief Campbell was on the grounds within ten minutes with his men, and he sent in a call for all the companies except the chemicals and engine 7. Lines of hose were stretched as fast as possible to the dock, and five streams were playing on the fire before the mill men were compelled by the heat to drop their small hose.

Two theories were advanced as to the origin of the fire, but the one given most credence is that it started in the dry kiln of the Western Lumber Company, at the north end of the building. Some thought that the fire started in the engine room of the Martin planing mill, but the evidence now seems to overthrow this theory.

At 4 o'clock Night Watchman John Bingham, of the Western mill, and the engineer of the dry kiln, went into the drying rooms. They smelled smoke at the north end but upon thorough examination nothing was discovered that indicated fire. Mr. Bingham, fearing that something was wrong, remained at the place for some time, but could discover nothing to indicate danger, so he continued his rounds. At about 5:20 the workmen noticed smoke coming from the north end of the dryhouse, and the mill hose was stretched. Just how the fire started is not yet known, but the head sawyer is of the opinion that it was caused by the blower of the kiln.

Losses by the Fire.
Western Lumber Company, mill and lumber \$150,000
J. A. Martin & Co., mill and lumber 50,000
Union Stock Yards, buildings, 10,000

Total \$210,000

The Insurance.
Western Lumber Company .. \$40,000
J. A. Martin & Co. 15,000
Union Stock Yards—Partially insured.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Stanford University, Cal., May 1.—Typhoid has carried off its second victim among the students. Miss H. C. Osher, who entered the University last Christmas from Minnesota University, died today.

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 1.—A heavy snow storm is raging in the Adirondacks today, practically checking the fierce forest fires that have been raging for the past week.

New York, May 1.—Silver reached the highest price in two years, owing to the recent purchases for Philippine coinage purposes and the prospects of a currency reform in Mexico.

Cincinnati, O., May 1.—The Keene interests of the Southern Pacific have appealed from the decision of Judge Lorton of the Federal Court at Nashville, Tenn.

Trenton, N. J., May 1.—Mrs. Eugene Griffith today filed a plea in the United States District Court, questioning that Court's jurisdiction in the case which resulted in the appointment of Thomas J. McGovern as receiver of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company. Mrs. Griffith wants the case transferred to the New Jersey state courts.

Washington, May 1.—The statement of the Government receipts and expenditures show that for ten months of the

present fiscal year the receipts exceeded the expenditures by \$35,419,646.

Paris, May 1.—King Edward arrived here this afternoon and was accorded a hearty reception by the Republic of France. Everywhere the populace gave the King an enthusiastic greeting.

Seattle, Wash., May 1.—The Alaska Steamship Company today purchased the interest of Capt. Geo. J. Wiley in the La Conner Trading & Transportation Company, which operates a fleet of seven Puget Sound steamers. The vessels of the latter company are to be run in conjunction with the eight steamers of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, which is also controlled by the Alaska Steamship Company.

POSTOFFICE INVESTIGATION

Postmaster General Payne Writes to Officers

HE DIRECTS ATTENTION

To Published Interview With Ex-Postoffice Cashier Tullock

LATTER STATED THAT WASHINGTON OFFICE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED INTO BUREAU OF DEPARTMENT—INVESTIGATION WAS ONLY TO SCARE.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Postmaster General Payne today addressed letters to the ex-Postmaster General Smith, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, Postmaster Merritt of this city, and Controller Tracewell of the Treasury, calling attention to the published interview with W. Tullock, for many years, up to three years ago, the cashier of the Washington postoffice.

The interview quotes Tullock as saying that the whole tendency of the Postoffice Department is to convert the Washington City postoffice into a mere Bureau of the Department; that the investigation of the management of the Washington postoffice was begun by an expert of the Controller's office, but was stopped and the expert removed, presumably as a warning to others.

Bristow stood by his men and demanded an investigation of the First Assistant's office, which was refused. Payne has asked for a complete report from Postmaster Merritt. Controller Tracewell said tonight that it was in the spring of 1900 that he decided to look into the affairs of the Washington City postoffice. An expert from his office was put to work, and the investigation led to the conviction on his part that there had been many irregularities, he should not say frauds. Matters were eventually straightened out.

A SERIOUS INJURY

LITTLE GIRL WAS ACCIDENTALLY HURT WHILE RETURNING FROM PICNIC.

An unfortunate accident occurred last evening as the pupils of Miss Anna Gordon's room, in the North Salem School were returning from a pleasant day spent in the woods near the Reform School. The children and their escorts were riding on a wagon provided with a hay rack, which had been brought in to service for the occasion, and as they were coming down State street, and while immediately in front of the Werner Breyman residence, a board seat, which was occupied by several of the children, broke, and Ethel, the 13-year-old daughter of Joseph N. Smith, of Highland, was unfortunate enough to have her right foot caught under the heavy weight. When released it was discovered that her ankle had been injured, and she was taken to the home of Mr. Clyde Hockett, corner of State and Cottage streets. Dr. J. N. Smith was summoned, who examined the injured member and found that the child had sustained a fracture of a small bone below the ankle. The fracture was reduced, after which the little girl was removed to her home in Highland, and at last accounts was resting easy, and hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery. The merry party of little folks were all delighted over the happy day spent, and the enjoyable time afforded them by the kindness of Miss Gordon their teacher, and it was indeed unfortunate that one of their number should meet with misfortune after such a pleasing event.

The accident was entirely unavoidable, and no blame whatever is attached to those who had charge of this happy party of little folks.

DIED AT LOS ANGELES.

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., May 2.—The announcement of the death of Mrs. Nettie Patterson at Los Angeles, Cal., of catarrh of the stomach, has just been received here. Mrs. Patterson resided here for many years, and has relatives residing throughout the county and a brother, Glenn Graves, now living in Portland. Deceased will be especially remembered for her charming soprano voice.

CASH PAID FOR eggs at Commercial Cream Co.

TALES OF CORRUPTION ARE BEING UNFOLDED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 1.—The trial of former Mayor Alonzo A. Ames, charged with bribery, began today, a jury having been secured after four days of steady work. Ira Gardner, a medical student, who collected "protection" money from the keepers of the

RESUMES HIS WESTERN TRIP

President Roosevelt Leaves Topeka, Kan., Today

AND START FOR COLORADO

Made Two Speeches to the Y. M. C. A. Delegates Yesterday

IS SALUTED BY OLD VETERANS AT STATE HOUSE—A DRUNKEN MAN MAKES DARING ATTEMPT TO MOUNT CARRIAGE BUT HE IS KNOCKED DOWN.

TOPEKA, Kans., May 1.—President Roosevelt made two addresses in Topeka tonight—one at the laying of the corner stone for the new Railroad Y. M. C. A. Building and the other at the Auditorium before the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A. Both addresses were heard by immense crowds, and were received with greatest enthusiasm. After laying the corner stone for the Y. M. C. A. building the President was conducted to the residence of Governor Bailey, where he was entertained at dinner. His last address was given at 9:20 o'clock.

President Roosevelt's train arrived in Topeka an hour late. Over 12,000 people assembled at the site of the new Y. M. C. A. building to welcome him. The delay only served to add to the crowd. At 6:50 the booming of cannon announced the arrival of the President's train. Soon after the train was switched from the Union Pacific to the Santa Fe track and run down to the new building. Escorted by a local cavalry company and a squad of mounted police, the President was conducted to the platform. He made a short address and then laid the corner stone.

General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe, presided at the exercises. He presented the President with a silver trowel, which had been contributed by the road and with this the President placed the mortar in position.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. H. H. Gregg, of St. Louis. In his address President Roosevelt expressed his pleasure at being in the "Geographical Center of the United States." He congratulated the delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention that they had come to Kansas for their great meeting and said he hoped their meeting would be the most profitable ever held.

Patent Agency For Good.

The President characterized the Railroad Y. M. C. A. as one of the potent agencies for good in the country, in that it tended to make better men of railroad employes, on whom so much depended. After the ceremonies the President was taken to the residence of Governor Bailey, where he was entertained at dinner.

As the party passed the State House, a large number of old soldiers who were drawn up on the east entrance of the building, saluted the President. The President saluted the party with dignity. After dinner at the Governor's residence, the party proceeded to the Auditorium, where the President delivered an address to the delegates of the Y. M. C. A. convention. The large building was jammed with people but there were thousands who were not privileged to enter.

But He Didn't Ride.

The President spoke for about forty-five minutes and afterwards held a short reception. At 11 o'clock the entire party was driven back to the depot where the night will be spent on the President's train. At 6 o'clock tomorrow morning the trip will be resumed through Western Kansas by way of the Union Pacific. Sunday will be spent at Shawnee Springs, near the Colorado line. The President devoted most of his speech to the good work accomplished by the Y. M. C. A.

During the trip to the Governor's residence this evening a man named Murphy attempted to get onto the President's carriage. He was knocked off by a mounted policeman. He then jumped onto one of the steps with the remark, "I guess I'll ride here." One of the secret service men in the carriage, by a well aimed blow, sent him rolling in the gutter. He was afterward arrested. The fellow was unarmed and did not contemplate any assault on the President, but tried to enter the carriage out of a mere spirit of bravado. The incident greatly amused the President.

One of the President's guards here tonight was Patrolman McIntosh, who was a member of Roosevelt's command at Santiago. McIntosh was recognized by the President.

They Didn't Work Much.

Topeka, Kans., May 1.—Not much actual work was accomplished by the International Convention of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. today, as most of the time was taken up with making arrangements for the visit of the President tonight. There are now 1800 or more delegates present and more will come in tomorrow.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Marion County Bar Association held its annual meeting in the circuit court room, at the court house, yesterday forenoon. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: T. T. Wrightman, president;

Carey Martin, vice-president; W. E. Richardson, secretary; W. M. Kaiser, treasurer. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted, other business of minor importance transacted, after which the meeting adjourned. There was a good attendance of the legal profession, and the meeting throughout was very harmonious.

When her cargo of 25,000 bales of jute was found to be on fire the captain of the steamship Clan Grant had difficulty in preventing his coolies from jumping overboard. But by injecting steam into the hold and going full speed ahead Colombo was reached just as the crew was exhausted from the continuous labor of pumping water on the red hot deck plates.

CHINESE ARE MORE UNEASY

Know What to Expect at the Hands of Russians

POWERLESS TO RESIST

Ministers Are Pressed for an Explanation of Rejection of Demands

ALTERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT DID NOT RECEIVE IMPERIAL SANCTION; NO INTENTION OF ALIENATING TERRITORY; PORT OPENING CONDITIONAL.

LONDON, May 1.—In a dispatch from Peking the correspondent of the Times says that, in an interview held on Wednesday with all the Ministers of the Chinese Office, M. Planchon, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, was pressed for reasons for the rejection of the Russian demands. The Ministers replied that they were unable to give reasons separately. M. Planchon then, on behalf of his Government, requested a statement of China's intentions regarding:

First—The contemplated alteration in the Government of Mongolia.

Second—The non-alienating by lease, concession or otherwise, of any portion of the Liaou valley to any other power; and

Third—The opening of the new treaty ports in Manchuria.

To the first clause the Ministers replied that the alteration had not received the imperial sanction; to the second, that China had no intention of alienating any of her territory; and, to the third, that the opening of the ports would depend upon the trade developments.

M. Planchon professed to be satisfied with these answers, but the Chinese are still uncomfortable, knowing how impossible it is for her to resist Russia's demand.

It is announced that M. Lessar, the Russian Minister to China, is returning to Peking, and that the fulfillment of the terms of the Manchurian convention will be postponed until after his arrival and will result from his negotiations. The fact that Russia now appears anxious to repudiate the orders given M. Planchon, concludes the Times correspondent, does not mean that her demands have been abandoned, but by these orders Russia has acquainted China with what she expects.

RESOLUTIONS OF SORROW

ADOPTED BY THE WOODMEN ON THE DEATH OF W. G. WESTACOTT.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Salem Camp No. 118, Woodmen of the World, at its meeting last night, adopted suitable resolutions of sorrow and condolence on the demise of the late W. G. Westcott. The resolutions, prepared by a committee consisting of Hon. J. D. Lewis, L. W. Acheson and F. F. Toews, were adopted by a rising vote, and were ordered published in the fraternal press; copies to be furnished the press of this city, and a copy to Mrs. Westcott. The resolutions are as follows:

Hall of Salem Camp, No. 118, P. J. W. of W., Salem, Ore., May 1, 1903.

To the Consul Commander, Officers and Members of Salem Camp No. 118, W. of W.:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the matter of drafting and presenting resolutions on the death of our late Neighbor William G. Westcott, beg leave to submit the following

RESOLUTIONS:

That in his death, Woodcraft has lost a stalwart and companionable neighbor; our city a valuable citizen and society an honorable and useful member. Our camp-fire will long lament his absence and our Forest will regret the loss of his genial life and cheery voice. Another shadow has fallen across our camp and left its mysterious gloom in every heart, but the tall trees beneath which our neighbor so soundly sleeps will whisper to us sacred memories of his worth and their perennial greenness will fitly symbolize our unfailing affection.

To his dear widow we extend the Woodmen's heartfelt sympathy, and express our sorrow in her so great loss. We offer to her the protection of our Forest and a welcome seat at our camp fire inside the sacred light of which no sorrow is ever unheeded.

TWO RIBS BROKEN.

J. Stauffer, a farmer residing near Fruitland, was considerably crippled up Saturday afternoon by being run over by a lumber wagon, near his home. The wheels passed over his breast and right arm, badly bruising him. Two ribs on his left side were broken, and he was otherwise injured, but Dr. J. N. Smith who went out Sunday and dressed the wounds, thinks there was no internal injury, and hence he will be out again as soon as his ribs can knit.

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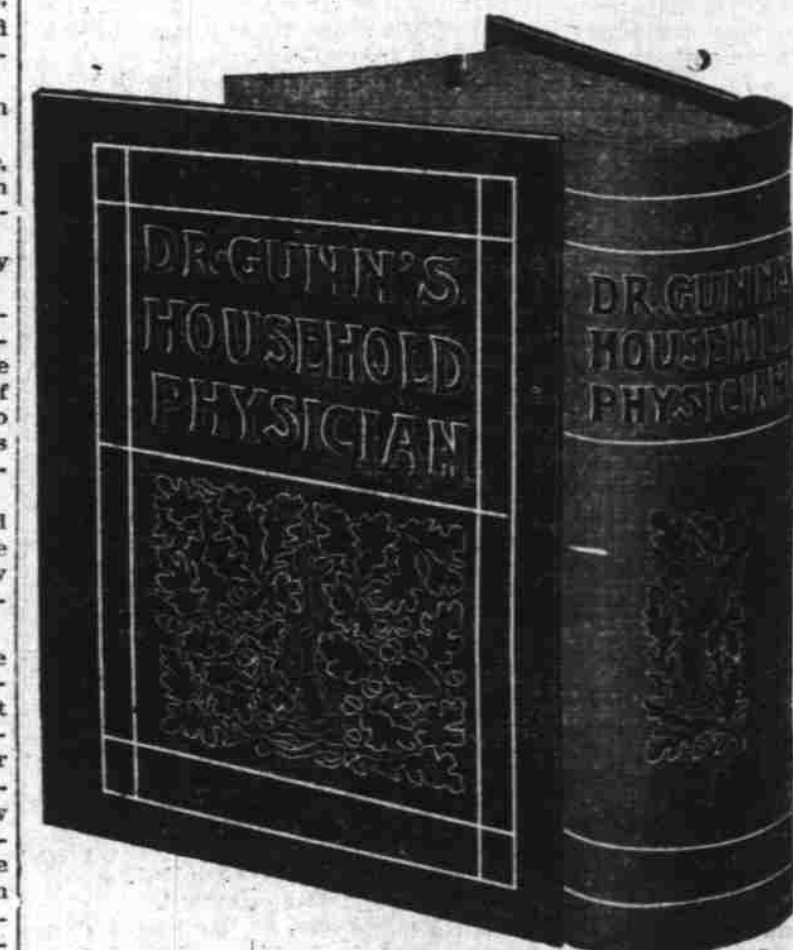
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