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A MILLIONAIRE FIRE.

Elevator and Wharves Burn at Portland Sunday.

THREE MEN PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

The Heaviest Fire in Over Twenty Years.

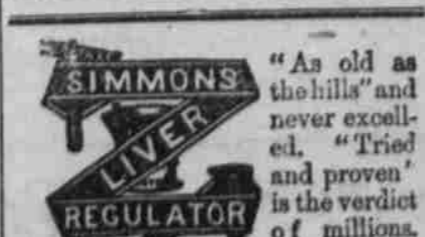
PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—A fire at the Albina terminal grounds yesterday destroyed the Pacific coast wheat elevator, warehouse and contents, the railroad coal-bunkers and contents, a vast stretch of wharves, sixty or more freight cars and wheat contents, a number of cars containing a part of the great plant of the Portland General Electric Company, about four miles of railroad track, and the river steamer Willamette Chief. The conflagration consumed in round numbers \$1,000,000 worth of property, though it is not possible at this time to give accurate estimates. It was pretty fully covered by insurance. The fire department could do little or nothing to stay the progress of the flames, and they completely devoured everything in their path, and subsided only from lack of material. It is supposed that three lives of workmen at the elevator were lost. The origin of the conflagration is not definitely known. The disaster was altogether the most serious that has visited Portland since the great fire of 1872.

ESTIMATED LOSS.

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| Pacific coast elevator..... | \$ 450,000 |
| Wheat in elevator..... | 75,000 |
| Warehouse and contents..... | 40,000 |
| Forty laden wheat cars..... | 100,000 |
| Twenty empty cars..... | 40,000 |
| Cars and electric machinery..... | 75,000 |
| Coal bunkers..... | 15,000 |
| Coal..... | 12,500 |
| Trucks and platform..... | 20,000 |
| Steamer Willamette Chief..... | 7,500 |
| Wharves..... | 150,000 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 14,000 |
| Total..... | \$1,000,000 |

The fire was discovered at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon in the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's coal bunkers on the Albina water front. It quickly consumed the structure and its contents, and spread south along the river and in less than two hours had destroyed three quarters of a mile of water front docks and warehouses, including the great Pacific coast elevator, and the large Terminal company warehouse. In addition to the buildings, tracks, trestles, docks and freight cars were destroyed. This with freight stored for shipment in the warehouses, grain in the elevator, coal in the bunkers and part of an immense plant for the Portland General Electric company standing on cars in the yards, was totally destroyed, and the loss aggregates an immense sum of money, impossible at this time to estimate accurately. Although largely covered by insurance, the loss is the heaviest sustained in Portland in years.

There is also supposed to have been loss of life at this time. Three men



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named Anerson, Murry and Brown, workmen at the elevator, were seen on the roof early in the fire; they were not seen afterwards and are thought to have perished.

The property destroyed was constructed almost entirely of wood, and was built on piling over the water. The river flows almost north at that point, and the fire started at the most northern point of the burnt district. A stiff breeze was blowing from the east at the time, and fanned the flames with great force in their progress to the south. The flames were sucked under the buildings and covered trestles and continued unhindered both above and below, until all inflammable material had been wiped out.

The fire department was soon on the ground, but found it impossible to successfully combat the fierce blaze that raged furiously under and above the decked piling and trestles. In a very few minutes it was realized that the entire water front at that point was doomed. The trestle burned like tinder and the buildings melted away before the fierce flames like powder mills going up in a storm of fire. The scene presented was one of terror and destruction, and fully 30,000 people, including men, women and children, crowded all available vantage points of interest to witness the conflagration. The terminal grounds at a distance from the fire was filled with spectators, and a dense crowd of people covered the tops of the hills. Many vessels at the wharves were saved by the activity of their officers, assisted by the favorable wind. One claim asserts that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the coal bunkers, while another says a spark from a locomotive did the mischief. The firemen worked until midnight when the dying embers were left.

STILL MISSING. PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—Nothing has been learned today of Charles Anderson, Edward Murray and Frank Brown and it is almost certain that they perished in yesterday's fire as reported.

THE LATEST. PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—A revised estimate of the losses resulting from yesterday's fire, compiled late this afternoon, makes the total loss seven hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars, as follows:

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| Pacific Coast Elevator Co., | \$210,000. |
| Wheat in elevator, | 100,000. |
| Coal bunkers and contents, | \$68,500. |
| Warehouse and contents, | \$38,500. |
| Wharfage, | \$150,000. |
| Railroad trackage, | \$5,000. |
| Sixty freight cars, | \$21,000. |
| Wheat in cars, | \$6,750. |
| Electrical machinery, | \$150,000. |
| Steamer Willamette Chief, | \$7,500. |
| Steyedores goods, | \$2,250. |
| Miscellaneous, | \$7,500. |

It is impossible to determine the exact amount of insurance, but it is stated that it fully covered all losses. Most of the policies are held by the Liverpool, London and Globe Company.

Rainy Day Suits.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 24.—About a hundred of the suffrage women of Topeka will come out in reform dress. They have entered into an agreement with Dr. Eva Harding and Dr. Agnes Haviland said to be reduced to writing. This agreement describes the costume. It is to consist of Turkish trousers covered by a skirt reaching to the foot, a close or loose waist as the wearer may prefer and cloth leggings to match the trousers. It is the intention of the Topeka women to organize into relief squads so that a number of them may be on the streets all day, and thus the community will become familiar with their reform.

Markets Demoralized.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The corn market had another bad slump today and wheat opened at a lower price than it was ever sold before and kept on declining until by midday. December was down to 58 1/16, 10 lower than it sold last Friday. An unexpected heavy increase in the visible statement of supply is partly responsible for the weakness.

The Glasscock Case.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The attorneys on behalf of Charles Glasscock, in the suit for divorce, naming Senator Stewart as correspondent, have asked leave to include affidavits offered by Senator Stewart evidencing of intimacy on the part of Mrs. Glasscock with W. B. Abel and James B. O'Connell, two persons thus being brought into the case as additional correspondents.

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FROM THE FAR ORIENT

Latest Dispatches Discredit the Big Battles Reported.

JAPANESE COAL BEDS EXHAUSTED.

Chinese Merchants All Disappearing From Seoul.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The steamship City of Rio de Janeiro arrived this morning from Asiatic ports, bringing associated press advices of the Korean war, one day later than was received per steamer which arrived at Victoria on Saturday last.

The murder of two missionaries by Chinese soldiers has been followed by the assassination of a French customs officer on the frontier of Tonquin. These acts of violence are greatly embarrassing to the Pekin authorities at the present time, and it is announced that reparation will be offered.

The work of strengthening the defenses along the Chinese coast continues. Japanese newspapers announce, apparently by authority, that the applications for war bonds exceed the total amount of the loan. Recent surveys lead to the belief that the coal supply of Japan, hitherto supposed to be almost inexhaustible, is in fact extremely limited. Unless new discoveries are made in the island of Yezo, Japan will have to look abroad for coal.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 24.—Wildly exaggerated reports in and about Corea are received from Europe and America, a majority of which are evidently telegraphed from China. With regard to the operations near Pnyong Yang it is certain that nothing more serious than un decisive skirmishes has taken place. Less than forty Europeans and Americans remain in Corea apart from the guards at the legations in Seoul. Before the war 7,000 small Japanese merchants and about 700 Chinese resided at open ports. The Chinese have mostly disappeared and the Japanese are waiting developments. The foreign department of Japan has given notice that duly accredited newspaper correspondents may hereafter accompany the military forces of the empire, and will receive all consideration that can reasonably be given by commanders of troops.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 24.—A rescript has been issued, convoking an extra session of the Japanese parliament at Hiroshima, October 15th. A letter from Tien Tsin says the Chinese fleet loaded 7000 troops on the banks of the Yalu in spite of a Japanese squadron. The letter adds: "The Chinese ships engaged in the battle of the Yalu river, were short of ammunition."

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 24.—The following advices have been received from Yokohama, under date of September 8: The case of the two alleged Japanese spies, who have been given up by the United States consul-general at Shanghai to almost certain death at the hands of the Chinese, attracts much attention and causes no little ill feeling among Americans and Europeans in China. These young men had for some time been pursuing their studies at Shanghai, and like the majority of the Japanese residents, were in the habit of wearing the Chinese dress. With the idea of serving their country in some indefinite way, they undertook, at the outbreak of the war, to collect information which they thought would be valuable to their government. What they gathered has not been made public, but it is charged that they made drawings of the Chinese defenses, in consequence of which they were arrested by native officers in the French quarter of the settlement.

THE MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Wheat Cash shipping 80@81.
 CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Wheat, Sept. 24; Dec. 24.
 PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—Wheat valley 75; Walla Walla 65@67.
Puddlers' Strike.
 PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—The Puddlers at the Oil or Iron and steel works, on South Tenth street, struck today against a 5c per cent. reduction. All but four puddlers have closed down.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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Oregon M. E. Conference.

EGUGNE, Sept. 24.—The W. F. M. S. held its anniversary meeting Friday afternoon. Mrs. Fisher presided and read a good report.

Mrs. Wire gave a pleasant address in which she showed that this society is the least expensive of any similar society anywhere. The officials at home do their work for nothing. The missionaries prepare themselves for the work and many of them become dependent only calling for food and clothing.

FOURTH DAY. Saturday morning the business of the conference was attentively pursued. The following ministers were announced as transferred to the Oregon conference: W. McWaters, J. N. Shulse, Wilmet Whitfield, J. H. Skidmore, G. W. Kennedy.

The following were announced as transferred to other conferences from this: S. P. Wilson, J. R. Colley, C. E. Cline, F. T. Howell, C. R. Kellerman, W. McWaters.

The committee on education presented its report which was read by Dr. Whitfield. It expressed appreciation of the labors of the board of education in unifying the educational institutions of Methodism.

The Children's Day collection for the purpose of helping poor students amounted to the sum of \$295 in this conference, while nine persons among us received assistance in loans to the amount of \$385. It spoke well of the work of the Methodist institutions on the coast.

President Hawley, of the Willamette university, represented his work: Said they were seeking to make Christian citizens; they had a good year last and had splendid promises for this, 94 students having already enrolled, and by next week he expects to see this increased by one-half.

Dr. Hines spoke as to the Portland university, and said their bonds were considered so secure by the holders that a reduction of 2 per cent in the interest had been accepted rather than part with them for cash.

Ashland district was also represented and with some slight amendment the report was adopted.

The report on the Pacific Christian Advocate expressed confidence in and appreciation of its very thoughtful editor and gratification at the announcement of a reduction from \$2.50 to \$2.00 subscription price.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was memorial service in behalf of those who have died within the year. This was a most moving, touching service, as the obituaries were read after prayer by Dr. Doane.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock was then taken up, viz: Voting on proposed amendments to the Discipline.

First—Shall there be an equal number of lay and ministerial representatives in the general conference? Ayes 32; noes 17.

Second—Shall the following be the provision as to representation in the general conference?

General conference shall not allow of more than 1 ministerial representative for every 45 members of each annual conference, or fraction thereof, and not less than one for every ninety? Ayes 33; noes 13.

Third—That the general conference meet first Wednesday in May every four years. Ayes 42; noes 5.

Mr. Hettler represented American Bible Society, and stated that they have issued nearly 1,500,000 copies of the Bible in 95 different languages during the year.

The conference board of stewards reported a decrease of \$628 from receipts of last year.

The following was the distribution of this fund.

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| Dr. Doane..... | \$129 80 |
| J. W. Miller..... | 154 75 |
| D. L. Spaulding..... | 109 90 |
| G. W. Rooks..... | 100 95 |
| J. H. B. Royal..... | 80 55 |
| F. M. Starr..... | 95 75 |
| R. Booth..... | 92 75 |
| J. Hoburg..... | 85 25 |
| J. R. Hammond..... | 30 50 |
| Mrs. H. P. Latchwell..... | 120 00 |
| Mrs. H. C. Jennings..... | 54 15 |
| Mrs. Sales..... | 31 00 |
| Mrs. J. P. Lewis..... | 50 60 |
| N. M. Skipworth..... | 66 25 |

Committee on temperance brought in a splendid report, taking the stand of

no compromise, but insistent opposition to the liquor traffic.

The bishop addressed the conference upon preaching the gospel.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wire M. C., Eugene.
 Oberg Harold, Halsey.
 Sumnerville D. T., Lebanon.
 Horner E. R., Lincoln.
 Myers W. H., Medford.
 Siletz and Toledo supplied by S. W. Potter.
 Driver I. D., lecturer in Willamette university.
 Salem district, John Parsons, presiding elder.
 Belknap Louis F., Dayton.
 Abbott T. J., Albany.
 Crandall C. E., Astoria.
 Spangler J. W., Brownsville.
 Smith J. S., Independence.
 Arnold G. R., Monroe.
 Craft E. C., Sheridan.
 Elworthy H. R., Woodburn.
 McInturff D. N., Eugene, transferred to Columbia River conference at Spokane.

Royal T. F., Brook's.
 Gould Hiram, Corvallis.
 Starr S. A., Dallas.
 Gardner J. W., Hubbard.
 Lee S. L., Jefferson.
 Thompson E. L., McMinnville.
 Graham G. W., Salem.
 Krahaw A., Shields.
 Pearl Isaac, Silverton.
 Shulse J. M., Salem.
 Belknap E. H., Turner.
 Rook J. H., member of Eugene Oregon conference, financial agent of Willamette university and member of Salem, Oregon conference.

The Sugar Trust.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The expected indictments against Memm, Havemeyer and Searles, of the sugar trust, who refused to answer questions asked them by the senate investigating committee, have been finally presented in the district attorney's office, and only await the action of the grand jury, which will present them to the court. The time that has elapsed since the case was first commenced has been consumed in the preparation of these indictments. No more difficult technical task has devolved upon the district attorney for years, chiefly on account of the lack of precedent. The brunt of the prosecution of the sugar trust will rest upon the indictments. There is no doubt that the lawyers for the trust will make motions to quash the bills, as the first step in their defense.

The decision of the criminal court judge will doubtless be taken to the court of appeals at the district, for although an appeal at that stage of an ordinary case is not allowed, the court of appeals makes an exception for a case of extraordinary importance, to save the expense of a criminal trial based upon an indictment which may be invalid. The decision of the appellate court upon the legitimacy of indictments will, therefore, have much weight in determining the power of a congressional committee to compel witnesses to answer questions, or if refusing to submit to punishment for contempt. If the court of appeals says that they cannot be indicted for such an offense, that settles the matter, unless an attempt is made to carry it to the supreme court.

Settling the Strike.

BOSTON, Sept. 24.—Eight clothing establishments have signed an agreement submitted by the striking garment workers, and 800 strikers have returned to work. More will sign this afternoon.

Had Heard It.

STOCKS.—There goes Chanter, Oates. He's got one of the finest voices I ever heard. Ever hear him sing? He's got a fine voice.
 Oakes (silly).—Yes, nice voice. I heard it about an hour ago. He borrowed \$10.—Chicago Record.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The cabinet of Paris are forbidden to smoke pipes while driving a farn.
 The thinnest and at the same time one of the toughest leathers is a frog's skin.
 The Bank of Japan has a capital of 20,000,000 yens. The value of the yen is about the same as that of the silver dollar.
 Palladium is the only known metal that is absolutely non-polarizable and rust proof. It was discovered by C. A. Pallard of Geneva.
 The first advertisement published in the Baltimore American was the sale of a piece of land by General George Washington in 1778.