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SUNDAY AFTERNOON BLAZE COSTS \$6000

Imperial Dairy Suffers Loss in Destruction of Barn, Milk House, Silo, Hay, Live Stock, Etc.

Six thousand dollars was the amount of toll exacted by the fire which Sunday afternoon destroyed the large dairy barn of the Imperial dairy, owned by L. E. Moore, just east of Pullman, together with the milk house, silo, 100 tons of hay, 14 head of hogs, one calf and numerous incidentals. The fire was discovered about two o'clock by Englehard Freitag, an employee of the dairy, and started near the silo. A high wind was blowing and within a few seconds the entire barn was in flames. Mr. Moore rescued four horses and a bull before the fire reached them and was carrying a calf from the barn when the heat became so intense that he was obliged to drop it and flee for safety.

A valiant effort was made by volunteers to check the flames, but the high wind and the isolation of the dairy from the city water mains made organized fire fighting impossible, and only heroic work kept the flames from spreading to adjoining wheat fields. The hogs were near the barn and were killed by the heat before they could be taken to a place of safety and the calf was cremated in the barn.

While the origin of the fire is not definitely known, the flames are supposed to have started either from a spark from the milk house, where a fire had been kindled to heat water, or from spontaneous combustion in the hay, which had been in the barn but a short time.

Mr. Moore carried a total insurance of \$6500 on his barns, milk house, outbuildings, live stock, machinery, feed, etc., but only \$3000 of this applies to the property destroyed, so that he will suffer a dead loss of \$3000 through the fire. He has 38 cows, and none of them were injured.

Mr. Moore was able to serve his customers Monday through the kindness of State College officials, who permitted him to use the college milk house, utensils, etc., and his deliveries have continued uninterrupted. During the fire he dropped a watch from his pocket and requests that the finder return it to him. The proprietor expressed keen appreciation of the assistance of the people in fighting the fire.

Had the fire Sunday not occurred until August 30, it would have occurred just five years from the date of Mr. Moore's previous fire, which also resulted in a serious loss to him.

OAT PRICES SOAR

Farmers who this year have devoted a considerable acreage to oats were this week given good cause for rejoicing when that cereal, which previous to that time had been inconspicuous in the general grain advances, mounted to \$1.05 per hundredweight, an increase of 15c to 20c during the last few weeks. Wheat continues to strengthen, although the market is still very quiet, with prices nominal and the buyers out of the market because of failure to receive quotations from their companies for days at a time. Fortyfold is quoted at 74c per bushel, with club wheat at 72c and red Russian at 71c. Barley remains stationary at 80¢ to 85¢ per hundredweight, with no indication of an advance. Several excellent yields of all kinds of grain have been reported, despite the prevalence of smut.

ROAD WORK PROGRESSING

Work on the West Main street road is progressing rapidly and the "hot stuff" was being put on at the top of the hill yesterday. The block from the Windus corner to the Henderson property and the one from the Melvin property to Main street will be completed first so that traffic will not be hampered.

ASSESSMENT ROLL APPROVED

Last Tuesday evening was the date set for hearing objections to the assessment roll for improvement district No. 15, but no objections were forthcoming and the roll was approved and an ordinance covering the subject was ordered drafted.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND PLANNED WORK

Pullman W. C. T. U. Will Take Active Part in the Campaign for State-Wide Prohibition

The W. C. T. U. met in the M. E. church Tuesday. It was the annual election of officers. The old officials were re-elected: Mrs. Laura Jinnett, president; Mrs. Mailey, vice president; Mrs. John Melvin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ageton, recording secretary; Mrs. Lulu Downen, superintendent of Bible in public schools; Mrs. George McCroskey, superintendent of flower mission.

Arrangements were made to have a parent-teachers meeting Friday, September 11, the first Friday after the starting of school. It is hoped that both teachers and parents will bear the date in mind and leave that evening open in order to be present. There will be a short program, refreshments and a get-acquainted hour. Remember the date—Friday, September 11. Come to see what manner of men or women will have your child one-third of his life during the next nine months, and let the school faculty see the parents of the boys and girls over whom they will have the supervision for the coming school year.

Mrs. Wallace, working in the interest of state-wide prohibition, will be in Pullman Monday, August 24. She is a speaker of nation-wide reputation and is well worth hearing. She will speak from the Chamber of Commerce building entrance.

The prohibition cantata "A Saloon Nation," will be given by the Sunday schools of the city. Miss Edna Courtney has the affair in charge and will be assisted by Mrs. Mailey, Miss Myrtle Rickett, Miss Marie Cave, Miss Martini and other musicians from the churches not yet on the committee. Those having the affair in hand assure its success. Seventy-five children from the ages of nine to 16 will take part. It is hoped in this way this simple cantata will reach many who are on the "fence" and especially those whom no argument will touch.

MANY MINISTERS TO MEET IN PULLMAN

Annual Methodist Episcopal Conference Scheduled for September 2 to 6

The Columbia River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church meets in Pullman September 2. This includes all the ministers east of the summit of the Cascade range in Washington, northern Idaho, and northeastern Oregon. There will be fully 250 delegates in daily attendance.

On Friday, September 4 the laymen of this section have the annual meeting of their organization. It is expected that fully 200 laymen will be present at this meeting. Mr. F. L. Daggett, chairman of the state industrial commission, is the president of the laymen's organization and will preside at their meeting. Governor Lister and ex-Mayor Catterill of Seattle are on the program of the laymen's meetings.

Bishop R. J. Cooke, resident bishop for Washington, Idaho and Oregon, will preside at all the ministers' meetings and at the joint meeting of the ministers and laymen. At the sessions of this conference there will be ministers and representatives of Methodism from around the world. On Sunday night, September 6, Bishop Robinson of Bombay, India, will speak. Every afternoon at four o'clock Dean Birney of Boston University, School of Theology, will lecture. The public will be welcomed at any or all of these meetings. Any one desiring to assist in the entertaining of ministers will please notify the pastor of the Methodist church.

A FINE GIFT

Ex-Postmaster K. P. Allen is the proud possessor of an elegant new traveling bag, the gift of the employees of the post office who have served under his administration. Mr. Allen says that the feeling that he can retire from the post office after 12 years of service with the confidence and friendship of the employees as evidenced by the gift is worth more to him than the salary attached to the position.

Great Photo-Drama at Pullman

The Creation Will Be Shown Beginning Tomorrow and Closing Next Wednesday Evening

The wonderful photo-drama of the Creation will be shown at the Pullman theater beginning tomorrow and closing next Wednesday.

The complete photo-drama occupies eight hours, two hours for each part, and is shown to the accompaniment of explanatory lectures and choice music from a powerful talking machine. The first part traces creation to the Deluge, its causes, and on to the time of Abraham. The second part begins with Melchisedec and describes the experiences of the Israelites down to the Babylonian captivity and on to the advent of Jesus Christ. Part three gives the



It is a story of the greatest human interest. The subjects chosen for treatment are the great events of Bible history. They deal with the elemental passions of mankind, and, taken from the profoundest book the world has seen, touch a deeper note than anything else the motion picture has produced. The Bible is thus seen in a new light, and its incidents assume a reality which is not always conveyed by the written word.

It was their recognition of the grip which the movies have secured upon the public imagination, and their appreciation of their power to transform cold print into palpitating, living things, that led the International Bible Students Association to make them one of the principal instruments of their work.

This association is surely the

life of Christ, His boyhood, baptism, ministry, sufferings, resurrection and glorification. The fourth part illustrates the gradual completion of creation from the close of the Jewish Age through the Dark Ages, down to the present time and on into the future.

This exhibition marks a new departure in the methods of the evangelist; it is the first serious attempt to utilize the drama for a religious purpose, pure and simple. Sacred subjects have been staged before today, and have brought the promoters handsome returns in hard cash. But the object of the present project, which would prove an undoubted financial success if treated as a commercial proposition, is rather to enrich than to deplete the public—at once to educate and entertain.

strangest religious society in the world. Its members have never taken a collection! Pastor Russell, the famous lecturer, author and newspaper contributor, president of the organization, under whose supervision the drama was produced, declares in that forceful style which is peculiar to him that the gospel is free and that he would be ashamed to beg or solicit for it under any pretext. Thousands of men in all parts of the world are at one with him on this point, and that is why "Photo-Drama of Creation" is today being shown gratuitously to the people of a half dozen different countries. The Bible students of a particular locality make themselves responsible for a hall; the mother society provides the outfit and operator, and all sorts and conditions of men supply the audience.

Cooler Weather Boon to Pullman Farmers

Threshing Operations Uninterrupted by Smut Explosions and Hopes of Farmers Are Raised

Threshing operations have been rushed during the past week with very few interruptions through smut explosions or grain fires and a healthy chunk of the bumper crop of this vicinity has been placed in the sack, ready for the farmer to convert it into cash, and a nice handful of cash it will be under the prevailing prices. The cooler weather of the past five days is given a great amount of the credit for the decrease in the number of explosions and fires, although the precautions taken by the separator owners have undoubtedly had considerable to do with bettering the threshing conditions.

Wheat will yield nearly an average crop despite the unprecedented ravages of smut, and several extraordinary yields have been reported from fields which are free from smut. Unless the separators again begin to explode with the regularity evidenced earlier in the season, no trouble will be encountered in harvesting the entire crop of the county.

The Charles Stirewalt separator, operating on the Titus farm near Fallon, leased by R. E. Ethridge, exploded Saturday morning and was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$200. When the fire had been extinguished the contents of the sack which was being filled when the explosion occurred were examined and parts of three matches were found in the shelled grain. A shock of wheat which had stood near the road and had evidently been used as a bed by

hoboes had just been fed into the machine, however, and it is possible that the matches might have been burned ones dropped by the lodgers after they had used them, although the suggestion of incendiarism was strong.

Later the same morning sparks from a passing N. P. train set fire to the dead grass on the right of way near the Ethridge place and the flames rapidly spread to his field of shocked grain. One hundred and fifty acres of grain on the Ethridge place and that of John Hall, adjoining, were burned before the flames could be checked, although five threshing crews labored incessantly with every available fire fighting apparatus. The fire was first discovered by D. F. Staley and W. E. Jaberg of Pullman, who had driven to the Ethridge place to inspect the burned separator. They had started home and had gone about 300 yards when the fire started in the grass. They returned on foot at a clip that would make Jack Nelson sit up and take notice, but were too late to keep the fire from spreading. It is probable that the railroad company will stand the loss, which will exceed \$3000.

CHAMBER ASSISTS RED CROSS

The Pullman Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening voted to donate \$25 to assist in defraying the expenses of alleviating the suffering in the war zone caused by the forcing into service of the heads of families. The Red Cross association has sent an appeal for aid to all parts of the state, and will accept donations either from organizations or individuals.

CITY INDEBTEDNESS EXCEEDS \$75,000

All Important Funds Show Big Deficit in Monthly Report of City Treasurer

The city of Pullman is indebted in an amount exceeding \$75,000, according to the monthly financial statement of City Treasurer Clark, submitted to the city council Tuesday evening. The general fund indebtedness, although reduced over \$1000 since the first of the year, still shows figures in the red ink amounting to \$9,275.41. This indebtedness is the result of the plunging disposition of the city fathers of pioneer days, and has been running since the early nineties. More startling still are the interest figures on this old indebtedness, which will exceed \$20,000 alone. The majority of the water bonds issued in 1912 in the amount of \$11,000 to take care of the water fund indebtedness are still outstanding, as well as the \$20,000 water bond issue just recently authorized.

The indebtedness fund shows a balance on hand of \$1794.76, which may be applied on the old indebtedness, while the water fund shows a balance on hand of only \$346.93, with outstanding warrants amounting to \$4222.29. The current expense fund contains \$769.80, with warrants outstanding on the first of the month totaling \$10,562.12. The bond interest fund contains \$174.59, the park fund amounts to \$265.68, and there is a balance in the general sewer fund totaling \$503.09. A total of \$144.90 is the balance in the fund for sewer district No. 5, and \$52.16 in the fund for local improvement district No. 12. The meter fund contains \$79.95.

J. S. Klemgard arrived from California Sunday evening and will remain till October, looking after his interests in Pullman and vicinity. He has recently moved from Long Beach to Berkeley so that his children can attend the University of California.

WINE, WOMEN AND AUTOMOBILE RIDES

Forty-eight Stitches Necessary to Close Wounds of Virgil Doty After Altercation With Tom Warren

Wine, women and automobiles are alleged to have been responsible for the encounter between Tom Warren and Virgil Doty Wednesday evening, when Doty emerged from the fray with six healthy slashes in his anatomy which required 48 stitches to close. According to the story of bystanders the two youths had engaged in a wordy dispute over money matters, and after an exchange of anything but complimentary epithets they got together on Main street. Warren is alleged to have rushed upon the younger man with an open knife, and when the belligerents were separated by bystanders it was discovered that Doty had sustained six severe cuts, four across his side and two on the neck. After having his wounds dressed he roused Justice George Henry from his slumbers and secured the arrest of his adversary on a charge of second degree assault. Warren was locked in the city jail and Sheriff Cole was notified to come for his quarry.

Warren has been around Pullman since early spring and has been employed on the farm of Napoleon Haynes. It is alleged that several days ago he came to town with his savings and with numerous friends proceeded to spend his money in the quickest way possible. Two women of questionable repute who for several weeks are alleged to have plied their filthy trade unmolested are said to have figured prominently in the incidents which led up to the cutting affray, and startling developments are expected to be brought to light at the trial.

Doty, who is the son of Grant Doty, is only 17 years old, while his adversary is probably 24 or 25. The younger man's wounds are not thought to be serious.

Professor Stephen F. Sears left yesterday for an outing at Seattle and other coast points.

FUNDS FOR WATER SYSTEM DEPLETED

With Pumps, Tank and Incidentals Yet to Be Reckoned Special Water Fund of \$20,000 Almost Entirely Expended

With probably \$10,000 yet to be expended on the improvements and additions to the municipal water system less than \$3000 remains of the fund of \$20,000 which accrued through the sale of bonds recently authorized by the people of the city in special election, and the city council faces the herculean task of making both ends meet without exceeding the limit of indebtedness for the purpose of making the improvements authorized by the people. With a tank for College hill yet to be installed which will cost over \$4000, two pumps which have been contracted for to cost \$2842.75, as well as the contemplated and essential new pump house and numerous and diverse incidentals, \$17,011.09 of the \$20,000 fund had been expended up to the time of the council meeting Tuesday evening. In order that the fund might not be entirely depleted before the big bills commence to come in, the council by vote, authorized the payment of the labor bills for the work done on the improved system during the past fortnight from the general fund, which itself, according to the figures presented the same evening by City Treasurer Clark, contains only the munificent sum of \$346.93, with warrants outstanding against it of \$4222.29.

The cost of the improvements to the water system were variously estimated by councilmen previous to the time of the special election at from \$15,000 to \$21,500, but from present indications the total cost will be at least \$7000 greater than the highest estimate. While the pumps necessary to the improved system will cost only \$350 more than the figure of the final estimate, the labor bills will be considerably higher and the incidentals not taken into account in the estimates will run into the thousands of dollars.

Just how the large deficit will be taken care of is a matter of conjecture, and will undoubtedly cause the much abused city fathers many hours of study and hard work.

SERIOUS FIRE AVERTED

Pullman narrowly averted a serious conflagration early Sunday morning when the incessant clanging of the fire bell brought hundreds of citizens down town to find that the old ice house in the rear of the I. O. O. F. building was in flames. A heavy wind was blowing from the southwest and only strenuous and heroic work on the part of the fire department kept the flames from spreading to the Main street business blocks. The origin of the fire is a mystery, although several plausible theories have been advanced. It might have been caused from the spontaneous combustion of the sawdust in the ice house, which had not been used for two years. Another theory is that it started from a grass fire, the grass around the burned building being very dry.

DUTTONS RETURN FROM LONG AUTOMOBILE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dutton and daughter, Lavelle, returned Saturday last from an extended automobile trip through the west side of the state and Oregon. Over 2200 miles were covered during the tour, which occupied five weeks, and the almost total freedom from automobile trouble featured the trip. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allison left for a ten days trip in the machine.

SPOKANE CHAMBER WANTS COUNTY DISPLAY

The Spokane Chamber of commerce has offered display space for a permanent exhibit of grains, grasses, etc., from Whitman county, and an attempt will be made by the local chamber to secure such an exhibit, which would prove a valuable advertising medium. The Spokane chamber is also desirous of securing data on the profits derived by Whitman county's small acreage farmers on tracts of 100 acres or less.