

A LIVELY HALF-HOUR

The Babbage Flat on Exchange Street Is Threatened.

MUCH SMOKE BUT LITTLE FIRE

Basement in Home of Rev. L. D. Mahone the Scene of Trouble—An Epimode—Bucket Brigade and a Chemical, Adjust Things Quickly.

For a few moments yesterday evening it looked as though the pretty home of Rev. Luther D. Mahone, pastor of the First Congregational church, in the Babbage flat, at 580 Exchange street, was to be sacrificed to flames, and it is safe to assume that but for the instant aid of neighbors, marshaled in a bucket-brigade, and the quick arrival of chemical engine No. 1, the worst would have occurred.

The fire originated in the basement, and apparently, within the crosswall casings, and was first noticed by Mrs. Mahone, who was at home alone, with her infant child, by means of the dense volumes of smoked permeating the whole house. Confiding her baby to the friendly hands of a neighbor, Mrs. Mahone, who is a small and delicate woman, began at once the task of removing her household goods, begin with two large and heavy trunks, neither of which she could have moved, except under the stress of unusual excitement; these she succeeded in moving clear across the street, and before she could attempt anything further in this behalf, was given assurance that all danger was passed, and so desisted.

Fire Chief Foster was "on the spot," as usual, and in a short time had everything safe and in good order. Rev. Mr. Mahone was busily engaged in his study room at the church and knew nothing of the matter until all was over.

Just a few moments before the alarm

was turned in, John and George Malax were in the same basement removing wood, and saw no sign of danger.

CHURCH BEING REPAIRED.

Contractor Ferguson has a crew of men at work on the First M. E. church making extensive alterations, which, when completed, will make it one of the most attractive appearing church edifices in the city.

The building will be enlarged in many ways, a new front, surmounted by a cupola, is being erected flush with the street; the old front and gallery will be removed, and an entrance hall and vestibule will take their place, while in the basement a large refreshment room is being fitted up. The work will be completed by the middle of September and will cost about \$2,500.

VICTIM OF DIPHTHERIA.

Miss May Harvird, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Harvird, formerly of Svensen, is dead of diphtheria at the family residence in Portland. The bereaved parents have been very unfortunate with their children, as they lost a son by drowning near this city some seven years ago, also one in the same manner at Portland about one month ago.

The funeral services will be held today at Portland and the body will then be brought to Knappa for interment.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Henry Weyman was arrested yesterday and arraigned in the justice court on a charge of criminal assault, filed by Geneal Hamilton.

After a short preliminary hearing he was released under \$150 bonds, to appear at 2 o'clock today.

The complaint says the assault was committed with an iron poker, breaking Hamilton's jaw in three places.

BASEBALL ITEM.

As the West Astoria Baseball team lost the game to Fort Stevens Sunday by a score of 4 to 2 they must defeat the Cathlamet team, which they play on their home grounds next Sunday, in order to cinch the Lower Columbia championship.

THIRD ANNUAL BALL

A Prime Success in Every Particular--Attendance Flattering.

FINE FLOOR AND GOOD MUSIC

One Hundred and Ten Couples Awailed Themselves of the Dance at Logan Hall--Pretty Faces and Costumes the Rule of the Evening.

The third annual ball given under the auspices of the Astoria Central Labor union at Logan hall last night, to mark the passage of Labor day, 1905, was an unqualified success in every particular, attendance, floor, music, refreshments, management, everything. Nothing was lacking to contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the guests, and the committee in charge is entitled to thanks and credit for the very satisfactory discharge of their duty in the premises.

The doors were opened promptly at 9 o'clock and by 10 the event was in full swing with 70 couples on the floor and more awaiting their turn. The floor was in beautiful condition, the dance program was long and varied, and the inspiring strains of Johnson's orchestra gave constant invitation to indulge in the gaiety of the hour.

Floor Manager Otto Grimes of the Mail Carriers' union had things well in hand, and he and his corps of assistants, Messrs. W. Adams, Frank Lenweber, Frank Kinkley, Charles Petersen and E. J. Lyman saw to it that no one lost any of the pleasures provided.

The refreshments were served in an annex of the ballroom, and were delicious in quality and amply abundant in quantity for even a larger concourse than was called upon to partake of them.

There was a veritable host of pretty women in the assemblage and the costumes were fresh and dainty, stylish and gracefully worn, the many colors present offering a kaleidoscopic effect in the brilliant lighting of the hall.

One hundred and ten couples participated in the program, besides many others who were present as simple spectators.

The gentlemen responsible to the Central union, as its special committee, were: Messrs. C. E. Lancaster of the Cigarmakers' union, Edgar Lawrence of the same union, and John Sargres of the Longshoremen's union, and they are fully entitled to the promptest and fullest endorsement by their principles and by the public for the masterly manner in which they disposed of a big and onerous task.

Again be it said, the third annual ball was a genuine success.

MR. HARTWIG IMPROVING.

The Accident on the Launch Trifler as It Really Occurred.

An Astorian reporter called upon Mr. Louis Hartwig at his rooms, 241 Ninth street, yesterday, and found that gentleman "somewhat disfigured, but still in the ring," and hopeful of taking up his daily business routine today. Mr. Hartwig was badly burned across the nose and mouth, from one cheekbone to the other, and his right hand was involved in the scorch, by the accident which befell the launch Trifler on last Saturday evening.

He says he was not guilty of the idiosyncrasy of investigating the gasoline tank on his boat with a lighted lantern as has been claimed for him, but did put the lantern inside a locker ten feet away from the tank, for the purpose of getting out the funnel which was kept there, and the explosion was due to the fact that gasoline had vaporized on the funnel in such quantities as to set up the explosion, and the fire ran along the sides of the launch in such volume as to force all hands, to-wit, Messrs. Chester Winkler and Reese Emmerson, his guests, and himself, over the side. The two former left the boat entirely and were lucky to find shallow water to stand in, while Mr. Hartwig, not daring to leave the launch altogether, clung to the brass handrail, and as soon as he had doused the fire on his clothes, climbed aboard, hailed his friends, fetched a "Commodore's sweep," picked them up and returned to the city. The accident occurred on the sandbar opposite the city, in the dark, at 8:15 o'clock, and was, most happily, not productive of any worse results. Messrs. Winkler and Emmerson suffered nothing further than some scorched garments. The party had intended going across the river to Knappa.

The Astorian, 75 cents a month.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Tatoosh, from the bar; the Lurline, from Portland, and the Nahcotta, from north shore points, all docked here, simultaneously, at 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

German ship Oregon passed up yesterday morning early, in tow, to Portland.

Steamer F. A. Kilburn passed the bar yesterday morning at 6 o'clock and continued on to Portland direct.

Steamer Columbia arrived down from Portland at 9:30 yesterday morning and left out at 11 o'clock for San Francisco, with every room and berth filled.

Steam schooner W. W. Kruger passed outward, San Francisco bound, with lumber, at 6 a. m. yesterday.

Steamship Czarina arrived up from the bar at 2:30 o'clock p. m. yesterday with Captain Duggan in command. She left for Portland at once, and will load grain for San Pedro. She hails from the Bay city.

Steamer Jordan departed for Cathlamet with a big list of passengers at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The dredger W. S. Ladd leaves this morning to resume her work at Buoy No. 4, near Altona.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys, stimulate the liver and cleanse the blood. A great tonic and muscle producing remedy. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. For sale by Frank Hart.

BIDS TO BE OPENED.

Bids will be opened by the street committee this afternoon for the improvement of Seventh street, between Niagara and Bay avenues, and of Eighth street, between Grand and Lexington avenues.

New York, Sept. 3.—It is reported in Tientsin, says a London dispatch to the Herald, that the dissent in Japan over the concessions granted to Russia in the peace treaty is so deep that it is feared that a revolution will break out through the empire.



NEW ARRIVALS OF Fashionable Autumn Goods

Fall Jackets

Today we shall have them ready and on sale. The best line of garments, the noblest styles and the lowest prices for the highest values you will see in this city.

The Empire and Paddock Coats

FROM \$5.00 TO \$30.00

Ladies' and Children's FURS

At Very Cheap Prices Ranging from \$1.25 TO \$25.00

Fine Line of NEW FALL DRESS GOODS JUST UNPACKED

In Chiffon, Broadcloths, Mohairs and Panamas. Come early and make your selection.



ASTORIA BUSINESS MEN.

In Session Last Night—Matters of Interest Discussed and Executed.

A meeting of the Astoria chamber of commerce was held at the rooms on Duane street last evening, at which quite a number of the leading business men were present, notable among whom were noted J. W. Surprenant, Samuel Elmore, A. R. Cyrus, Judge J. Q. A. Bowlby, A. M. Smith, President James W. Welch and Secretary C. R. Higgins.

The following matters were presented for consideration and were disposed of by the chamber: The committee heretofore appointed to provide a safe and suitable enclosure for the McTavish monument reported that they had decided upon, and had ordered, iron netting of sufficient caliber to amply protect the monument and that upon its arrival the work of enclosing would be carefully finished. The report was in all things approved.

Judge Bowlby made an interesting statement in regard to the Country Fair exhibit, and in the course of his remarks it was suggested, and uniformly agreed that some of the grains, grasses and other lasting displays now in the fair, should be transferred to the chamber of commerce rooms, when the exhibition shall have closed. Incidentally, a cordial vote of thanks was extended by the chamber to the original committee in charge of the Country Fair. Judge Bowlby, G. W. Lounsberry and O. I. Petersen, for the masterly fashion in which they had organized, arranged and conducted the exhibition to date. Discussion ensued as to the best methods of preserving such of the displays as it may be possible to keep for future use, and the matter was left open until the date of final closing.

Mr. Elmore, who represented the City of Astoria and Clatsop county as a delegate in the recent National Irrigation congress at Portland, made a verbal report of the transactions of that body and his part in the same, concluding with an expression of regret that the congress became so factional over certain of the issues pending as to quite nullify the work of the convention as a whole. The report of Mr. Elmore was adopted.

These matters dispensed with, the members indulged in an informal discussion of certain conspicuous local questions, such as the momentary building boom now apparent here, and it was particularly noted that the big investments represented thereby were, each and all, purely Astorian, no outside capital figuring anywhere. The question of the erection of a new hotel in Astoria was also debated, in terms that indicated a warm endorsement of the shrieking necessity for such an improvement, and there was not wanting some pretty plain evidence that the gentlemen involved in the discussion would lend a prompt and helping hand if the project should present itself in tangible form.

Adjournment was then taken.

Attacked by a Mob

And beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

EMINENT MEN COMING TO

Astoria, Ore., ONE DAY September 7, '05

DR. Gunn & Co. Or San Francisco and Portland

These Eminent Electro Medical Physicians and Surgeons Will Visit Our City.

—AND WILL BE AT— Occidental Hotel

This being an advertising trip to introduce a New System of Treatment, they will give to all commencing on above date Consultation, Examination, Advice and all Medicine necessary to complete a Cure—Absolutely Free. It will only be expected of all patients taking advantage of this offer to state to their friends the result obtained by this new system of treatment. They treat ALL KINDS OF CHRONIC DIS-

SUITED

You will be sure to be suited if you come to us for your fall and winter suit. Our Varsity Sock will turn the trick or some other of our famous makes of high grade Clothing at

\$10.00 TO \$30.00

A SUIT

New goods arriving daily in browns, greens and gray mixtures for fall and winter.

Newcomers

Fancy Vests

P. A. STOKES

The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.

EASES AND DEFORMITIES.

It is very seldom that ailing people

have the privilege of consulting such renowned specialists, who are in constant attendance to wait upon you, diagnose your case, and give you the benefit of their medical knowledge. There is no experimenting or guess work. You will be told whether you can be cured or not. If your case is curable they will treat you; if incurable, they will give you such advice as to be beneficial to you. They treat deafness with an entirely new method. Hearing restored to many at once. Catarrh in all its varied forms cured so that it will never return by breaking up the cold-catching tendency by ELECTRICAL INDUCTION of medicine.

Men suffering from General Nervousness, Weakness, Lost Memory, Strength, Weak Back, Kidney Trouble, Rheumatic Pains, Lumbago, Sciatica, Torpid Liver, Indigestion and Dyspepsia here can find a cure that permanently restores them to their original strength and manhood without loading their stomach with poisonous medicine.

If you have weak lungs or consumption do not fail to be examined.

Their new discovery of Kataphoresis in paralysis, and all diseases of the nervous system, including EPILEPSY and ST. VITUS DANCE, is a godsend to suffering humanity. Medical men stand amazed at the wonderful cures that are being effected wherever this system has been introduced. Thousands who have given up all hope of being cured now have an opportunity of a lifetime to consult, without charge, doctors of a knowledge of medicine combined with electricity gives them control of diseases that others do not possess. If you have weak eyes, headaches or dizziness, this new system will cure you quickly.

Don't fail to call on these eminent specialists, as a visit costs you nothing, and it may save your life.

If you suspect kidney troubles, take a two-ounce vial of your urine for chemical and microscopic analysis.

Go early as their offices are always crowded. If you are improving under your family physician, do not go and take up their valuable time. They wish to give each one plenty of time, but cannot listen to long stories not pertaining to your case. The rich and the poor alike treated.

Eyes Examined FREE By an Expert Ophthalmologist.

If your vision is not good or you have eye squint, headache, dizziness, nervous and can't see fine print or do fine work, eyes pain or water, call on us and we will help you out of your eye troubles with a pair of glasses that are ground to fit you correctly by an eye specialist of merit.

Women who suffer from the many nervous derangements and all peculiar to their sex quickly cured without an operation by this new method.

Out of five hundred cases of Rupture treated last year by their Induction method there were cured 98 percent without an operation or detention from business.

N. B.—Cancers, tumors, wens, goitres, all blood, skin and scalp diseases cured by this new method.

Piles cured in a short time without the knife. They make a specialty of all chronic diseases peculiar to either sex, and cure where others fail. This is a treatment that can be used at home. Remember, not one cent will be charged for all the medicine required to make a permanent cure to all those commencing their new system of treatment on this, their first advertising trip.

NOTICE—Married ladies must be accompanied by their husbands. Office Hours: Regular Visits Made. Remember the Date and Location, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Cheap Tickets to Philadelphia and Return.

The O. R. & N. Co. will sell roundtrip tickets from Astoria to Philadelphia, Pa., on September 7, 8, 9, 10, at a rate of \$89.50.

For further information inquire of G. W. ROBERTS, Agents.

THE Foard & Stokes Co. JUST RECEIVED Our Elegant Sample Line of New Autumn Suits AND Stylish Coats. If you intend to purchase a suit this season, it will do your heart good to see the new styles we are showing. We are showing an unusually nice assortment of Misses' Coats. Bring along the girls, mothers, and take a look; we've lots of new things to show you. THE FOARD & STOKES CO. Astoria's Greatest Store