

# HERE IS A HERO OF A FIRE FIGHTING STORY

Man Now Attending the Fire Chief's Convention in Seattle Put to a Terrible Test.



A. W. MYERS.

An old French saying reads: "Lave will work wonders." This was proven conclusively in the life of Fire Chief A. W. Myers, of Spokane, who is here attending the convention of fire chiefs, when he dashed wildly up four flights of burning stairway and saved his wife from imminent death from fire and smoke.

This happened at one of the greatest individual fires which ever visited Spokane. It was the burning of the Great Eastern block, on a cold, raw December night in 1895, and the chief says that all during his 16 years as chief of the fire department of Spokane he never went through such an ordeal as that.

At Another Fire. The story is not told by the chief himself, because he is far too modest for that, but it was recounted by his former assistant chief, J. L. Phillips, who is now manager of the Gorham Rubber company in this city.

Chief Myers had been at another fire when the alarm for the Great Eastern block was turned in, and although he was not on duty, he went to his home, he stayed at the first fire until it was thoroughly under control, and then drove madly to the scene of the second alarm.

When blocks away, he could see the tongues of flame leaping high in the air. He could see the bright red glare cast high in the sky, and way down in the bottom of his heart he knew that the building was doomed.

And with that secret feeling came the awful realization that his wife had telephoned him saying that she would retire early that night. Would she be awake while there was yet chance for escape or would she sleep calmly through it all and never awake?

These thoughts flew madly through his brain as he frantically urged his plunging horse into a greater burst of speed.

Saw Wife in Peril. And finally, upon reaching the scene of the fire, that should meet his gaze but the sight of his wife standing on the sill of a fourth-story window, praying and begging in turn to be saved from the fate that seemed about to consume her.

Bystanders told the chief as he jumped from his rig that his wife had been standing there for several minutes, but that no one dared to

enter the building. It was by this time one seething mass of flame and smoke. The stairway had burned the least of any part of the building, and it was this fact that made the desperate dash of the chief possible.

Daring Plunge Into Fire. Wrapping his oilcoat tightly about him, and carefully adjusting his helmet and smoke protector, he sprinted for the stairway before anyone had a chance to hold him back. Several tried to deter his progress, but they were rudely thrust aside. And he entered while three big streams of water drenched him from head to foot.

The building was a five-story brick and his wife was on the fourth story. The smoke was stifling, yet he climbed as best he could by feeling the hot walls. At different points on the long, treacherous journey, tongues of flame shot through the walls and scorched his cheek, but he went on. He went on, and on, and on, until he could go no further, and then he realized that he was on the top floor, and that he had passed his wife on the floor below.

Succeeds in Saving Wife. The thought maddened him so that he leaped and stumbled down the one flight and then went instinctively to the window, where he knew the woman of his heart was waiting for him.

Tenderly taking her in his arms, weakened as he was by the smoke and fumes, he carried her out to the fresh air and help.

It was not two minutes afterwards when the second, third and fourth floors crashed to the ground, taking with them seven persons to a horrible death.

## OLD TIMER IS BACK IN SEATTLE TO STAY

A. R. Kennedy, one of the best known of the old time residents of Seattle, who has been away from Seattle for a generation or so, is back to stay. Mr. Kennedy was employed in the city auditor's office at the time of the big fire which swept the business district. Since 1876, when he was in Philadelphia at the Centennial exposition, Mr. Kennedy has been all over the United States, but Seattle is the premiere city of them all, he says.

## COMING TO SEATTLE

The North Coast railroad is coming to Seattle, because the business is here.

Robert Strahorn, of Spokane, said so this morning. Mr. Strahorn arrived in the city yesterday. Strahorn is the man of mystery behind the mysterious North Coast railroad. Who is backing the road no one knows except Mr. Strahorn and he doesn't say.

## CURES ECZEMA QUICKLY

New Discovery Has Revolutionized the Treatment of Skin Diseases. Nothing in the history of medicine has ever approached the success of the marvelous skin remedy known as poslam, which, it is safe to say, has cured more cases of eczema and skin diseases than any remedy ever offered for these ills.

The success of poslam is not at all surprising when it is considered that even a very small quantity applied to the skin stops itching immediately and cures chronic cases in two weeks. The worst cases of eczema, as well as acne, herpes, tetter, piles, salt rheum, rash, crusted humors, scaly scalp and every form of itch, yield to it readily. Blemishes such as pimples, red noses, muddy and inflamed skin disappear almost immediately when poslam is applied, the complexion being cleared overnight.

Every druggist keeps both the 50-cent size (for minor troubles) and the \$2 jar, and either of these may be obtained in Seattle at the Quaker Drug Co. as well as at other reliable drug stores.

But no one is even asked to purchase poslam without first obtaining an experimental package which will be sent by mail, free of charge, upon request by the Emergency Laboratories, 32 West Twenty-fifth street, New York City.

## TELEPHONE CO. MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS TO GET THIS PERMIT

BOULLON'S CONTENTIONS SUSTAINED BY TWO COUNCIL MEN AT MEETING.

The efforts of the Pacific Coast Telephone & Telegraph company to get a three-year franchise or permit to extend its lines to districts within the new city limits not covered by the old franchise, without granting the users concessions and making promises of maintaining rates similar to those demanded of the independent company, received a setback at the meeting of the city council last evening.

When the resolution granting these privileges was before the corporations committee, recommendations made by Superintendent of Public Utilities Bouillon with the intention of protecting the public and preserving the people's rights, were ridiculed and the committee decided to recommend the adoption of the resolution just as it

came from the corporation offices. Last night, however, Councilmen Réville and Wardall sustained the position taken by Mr. Bouillon and demanded that the resolution be sent back to the committee for further consideration. This was done.

## DAM IS SWEEPED AWAY

(By United Press.) PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 8.—East-bound Santa Fe trains today are being shunted through this city and into Albuquerque via Maricopa and Deming, N. M., because of the disastrous flood that swept away the million-dollar dam in the Rio Puerco valley of Northwestern New Mexico. The flood washed out five miles of Santa Fe track and narrowly missed accomplishing the complete destruction of yesterday's California limited train.

Bellingham.—Because she wanted to look nice when a young man called, Agnes Priest, aged 19, is in the county jail charged with stealing wearing apparel from neighbors.

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## LUMBAGO IS BAKED OUT OF BALLARD CITIZEN



MR. H. M. PRICE.

One who has never had lumbago does not know what torturing suffering it brings. At times the pain is so severe that it seems unendurable. Mr. H. M. Price, of 1120 West 63rd st., Ballard, was a lumbago sufferer for a long period. In addition he was bothered with his kidneys, which have been affected since his boyhood. With both ailments Mr. Price was in almost constant agony.

He tried almost everything suggested until he heard of the Loughney & Loughney Bake Oven, 220 to 225 People's Savings Bank Building. He took a course of treatments. Today he is a well man, and of the hundreds who are praising the Bake Oven no one is more pleased with results than he. His case is typical of scores of others who have been similarly cured. The Bake Oven is rightly named. It literally bakes out disease. The Oven touches parts that medicine can never reach. Its results are always speedier and more lasting.

The Bake Oven rooms are open daily from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. and Sunday from 9 a. m. to noon. A regularly licensed physician and competent nurses are always in attendance. Absolutely no charge is made for consultation. Every sufferer from rheumatism, lumbago, stomach, bowel, kidney or liver complaints is invited to call and discuss his or her troubles with the famous specialists.

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## Division No. 4 Now Selling Fast

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My, how the people are taking up this waterfront property of ours. New homes are going up as fast as carpenters can do the work. We have four surveying crews staking out the ground and two more are needed to keep up with our heavy selling.

Why not buy waterfront on this side of the sound when you can get it for much less than is asked for acreage on the other side? All waterfront on Puget Sound, desirably located, is owned by wealthy men, who will not sell for several times the price we are asking.

Eight fresh water lakes full of trout and black bass.

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## U. S. GOVERNMENT

# Land Opening

Along Railroad in Montana CONRAD-VALIER Project

69 Miles North of Great Falls. 70,000 acres of Irrigated Land segregated by the United States under the Carey Land Act, will be allotted by drawing at Valier, Montana, the terminus of the new railroad, on

Thursday, October 7, 1909

You May Register by Mail

Must register prior to October 7th. If you do not select land after your number is drawn it costs nothing.

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This land is fine, grassy prairie, ready for the plow. No sage brush or stumps.

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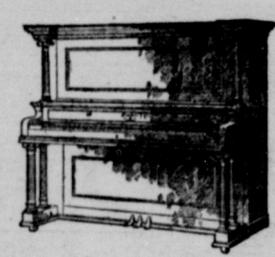
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If you have no piano, here is the chance to secure one free. The person writing the above sentence correctly the greatest number of times on one side of a standard United States postal card (5 1/2 x 3 1/4 inches) will receive absolutely free one MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND KOHLER & CHASE ADJUSTABLE TOUCH PIANO.

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Kohler & Chase distribute these prizes to firmly fix in the minds of all contestants, and the public in general, the names of these five great pianos, which have become without question the most popular, best made and most desirable instruments. Use pen and ink only. Punctuation, correctness and legibility will be factors in determining the winners.

Write your address plainly, and the number of times you have written the sentence, across one end of the stamped or address side of the card.

Expert penmen and engravers are barred from this contest. Only one card from each family will be accepted.

All cards are open for examination after close of contest. Every man, woman and child in the Northwest is invited to enter this contest.

The decision of the judges, who will be chosen from the advertising departments of three of the daily papers, will be final.

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