

Fire damaged the heart of Yakima's Produce row section last night to the extent of \$444,000 of which amount \$298,000 represents damage to buildings and \$146,000 to supplies according to estimates given out by principal losers today.

Ninety percent of all losses are covered by insurance and it is estimated at least 75 per cent of the losses will be made good. All buildings will be rebuilt as soon as it is humanly possible to do so.

W.E. Roche's losses total \$150,000 the heaviest suffered by any of the eight leading firms damaged. W.A. Berg president of the Yakima Fruit and Cold Storage company, formerly the Duddy-Robinson company places his damage at \$145,000. Included in the loss are 12 cars of 1923 potatoes and four cars of oranges and lemons belonging to the Ryan Fruit company. The Ryan company loss is not covered by insurance.

C.M. Holtzinger considers his brick building on West Yakima avenue between First and Second avenues and its contents damaged at least \$75,000.

That the fire was not incendiary is the statement of Fire Chief Harry E. Hawkins and Fred Kile. Hawkins believes the fire started in the rear of the Hafener building in a pile of box shooks. Kile laughingly admits that he was one of the two men seen running out from the fire at about the time it was first noticed.

"I was driving south on First avenue shortly after midnight when I noticed the blaze near the rear of the Hafener building," Kile said. "I drove hurriedly to West Yakima avenue, parked my car near Second avenue and ran to the scene of the fire. Two other men in a car near by drove past at the same time. They stopped and one of the fellows ran to the fire with me. Upon discovering the nature of the

fire we ran to turn in the alarm. There were no other persons in the district.

John W. Mallon, night watchman for the Artificial Ice & Cold Storage company discovered the fire at 11:55 o'clock. He says as near as he could ascertain the fire began in or near the rear of the Hafener building. Mallon noticed no one about the place at the time.

At least 5,000 people watched the blaze which was Yakima's largest since the old Produce row burned years ago.

A survey of the burned block shows that 11 buildings and about a dozen small residences were either completely burned or damaged by the blaze. Losses included: Roche Fruit company \$90,000 building and equipment, \$60,000 supply; Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage, \$130,000 and \$15,000; C.M. Holtzinger, \$40,000 and \$35,000; M.J. Hafener, \$25,000 and none; A.B. Fosseen, \$4,000 and \$21,000; Prentice Cold Storage and Perham Fruit company; none and \$15,000; Union Pacific, \$5,500 and none; Merchants \$1,000 and none; Lamb Fruit \$500; Fry company \$500 and none; Sterling apartment \$00 \$500 and none; other residences \$1,000 and none--Yakima Republic, July 26, 1924.

Fire Dept.

E.G. Dawson, assistant fire chief who has been in charge of the west side station has been appointed chief of the North Yakima fire department to succeed C.M. Hauser. Hauser was given preference by Mayor Lombard but that was voted down, 4 to 3.

Ed Merwin's name was next suggested and in a rather dramatic manner Councilman Janeck stated he hoped no one would vote for Merwin as he never knew the man to pay a cent of taxes as long as he lived in Yakima.

Dawson has an excellent record as a fire fighter, being in charge the night of the Varian hotel fire when Chief Hauser was absent from the city. The Yakima Herald, January 22, 1908.

Yakima--Historical
(old town)

By a fire of unknown origin the Yakimacity flour mill at Old Town was burned to the ground last night at 7 o'clock.

The loss amounts to about \$11,500. The property was valued at \$12,500 and the contents at \$4,000. Building and contents were insured for \$5,000. H.J. Snively, who owned the mill, states that he will rebuild it and equip it with modern machinery.

The grinding of flour in this mill was one of the oldest industries in the valley. The mill was built 30 years ago and was run ever since. It had a capacity of 30 barrels of flour a day, running day shifts only or of 60 barrels running day and night--Yakima Republic, May 20, 1910.

Fire department

~~Commissioner~~ Councilman Pease, chairman of the public improvement committee of the city council has plans for a 40 x 70 brick fire station of bungalow type which he plans to present to the council for approval Monday night.

The building as proposed will cost \$9,500. Mr. Pease wants to get the plans approved so that bids can be called for and the structure started before the new self-propelled combination hose cart and pumping engine ~~comes~~ which the council has ordered arrives.

Inasmuch as the mayor has not signed the contract for the purchase and inasmuch as the apparatus companies are pretty well rushed with work it is not evident how much the council will have to hurry in order to get this building up in time.

The engine accepted is to cost \$8,500 and this with the station and the two lots on Walnut and Third purchased for the site for the building will make the first step in giving the enlarged city fire protection cost ~~4200,000~~ \$22,000 (copy) Yakima Republic, ~~000~~ August 5, 1910.

Fire department

"The one department that has given entire satisfaction" said Mayor Splawn Saturday afternoon at the meeting of the commission when he announced that he would reappoint the whole force. The commission then elected E.G. Dawson chief, and indorsed the other members of the fire department.

The members of the force are as follows:

E.G. Dawson, chief; McKinley D. Lambert, assistant chief; C.C. Brown, captain of No. 1; J.C. Perkins, captain of No. 2; G.A. Kinnaman, Delmar DeFoe, Roscoe Clair, R.E. Halpin, R.H. Hare, J.E. Hobart, J.C. Stephens, Charles Frost, Carl Tracy, C.C. Burr, H.H. Hughett and Sam Elmore, firemen--
Yakima Herald, November 1, 1911.

Fire Station

Definite action was at last taken on the fire station contract last night by the council when it decided to allow Harry Boyer, successful bidder for the work, to withdraw his bid and decided to build the station by day labor.

The building will be constructed under the supervision of City Building Inspector Johnson. He will order all material and will see that the new station is built according to the plans and specifications drawn up by Architect Weatherwax.

The reason assigned by Boyer for the withdrawal of his bid was that he had recently obtained the contract for the construction of the depots of the North Coast railroad and would not have the time to properly care for the work.--Yakima Republic, November 25, 1910.

City:

Ordinance No. 126

An ordinance granting to the Yakima Water company, its successors or assigns, the right , franchise and privilege to enter upon, construct, maintain and operate a canal along, upon and through "H" street and certain other portions of the City of North Yakima.

The city of North Yakima does ordain as follows;

Section 1: That there be and is hereby granted to the Yakima Water Company , its successors, or assigns the right, franchise and privilege of entering upon, constructing, maintaining and operating a canal not to exceed 18 feet wide, at the top, along and through the following describe line in the city of North Yakima.....
etc.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication. Passed the council April 22, 1890. Oscar A. Fechter, city clerk. Approved April 23, 1890, AM.Reynolds, acting mayor. Yakma Herald, April 24, 1890.

Fire Department

Too heavy to be drawn by two horses, the fire committee Thursday decided to purchase another horse and turn the chemical and hose wagon into a three-horse hitch. The new horse is a fine chestnut animal weighing 1300 pounds and standing 16 1-2 hands high. The price paid J.L. Druse, his former owner, was \$200.. The Yakima Herald, May 30, 1906.

Fire Department

One of the last act of the retiring city council and one of the best to its credit was the adoption of a resolution accepting the proposition of Mr. Harry Mitchell to supply the fire department with a gasoline automobile hose truck.

~~Ordin~~ Purchase was not made outright but the council gave its sanction to the proposition that the city was willing to buy the truck provided the same shall comply with specifications set forth in Mr. Mitchell's proposal and shall perform the work required of it to the satisfaction of the mayor, city council and fire chief after as many trials as shall be requested during 30 days after its arrival.

If it comes up to the recommendation the city is to purchase it paying \$2,200 net.

It will be the first automobile hose truck installed in any department in the state of Washington - The Yakima Herald, Dec. 19 1906.

Fire department

Andrew Lynch, the driver for the fire department team sustained a severe kick from one of the horses on Monday that will lay him up for a long time. He had been out trying to drive the balky team and after going back into the stable with them had occasion to get behind one. The animal kicked and struck him on the knee-cap of his left leg. A severe fracture of the bone resulted. He was taken to the hospital where he is under a doctor's care--Yakima Herald, Feb. 4, 1902.

Yakima City

Fire commencing at 10:30 1 st night in the postoffice and general store of B.A. Conrad at Yakima City destroyed property said to have been worth \$12,000 or \$14,000.

The cause of the fire issaid to have been a defective flue.
Yakima Republic, Feb. 11, 1910.

Fire Dept

Some tie ago the city ordered a COTP Clapp and Jones Fire engine which has been dailed expected. Tuesday there was a freight train wrecked on the Yellowstone division of the Northern Pacific and a telegram received from the claim agent of that road announces that our engine was on the train that was so badly damaged that he advises the city to duplicate the order. The loss will fall on the Northern Pacific--Yakima Herald, October 13, 1889.

Fire Department

A numerously signed petition, praying for the purchase of a steam fire engine, was presented to the council Monday evening but that body indefinitely tabled the paper--Yakima Herald, August 2, 1889.

Fire Protection

Of the big water tanks to be built for fire protection , one is to be located on the corner of First and A streets and the other at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets--Yakima Herald, November 14, 1889/

City building

The engine company took possession of their fine quarters in the new city building Tuesday. This structure will still require some finishing touches and reflects greater credit to A.F. Switzer the architect and builder.

The first floor is divided into an engine house and jail. The former is 28 by 60 feet and the latter 20 by 28 feet. The council chambers is on the second floor as are also two suits of offices. The building completed will cost \$6,800 and is one of the most substantial structures in the city--Yakima Herald, March 6, 1890.

Firemen

The chief of the fire department has recommended that the council place a telephone in the engine room of the new city hall and manager N.E. Stone says he can so arrange the wires as to have the phone connected with several places where business is carried on all night, after business hours at the central office.

Chief Rowe says that would greatly facilitate the movements of the company in cases of fire, as at present no alarm can be given except by runners and this method is slow and unsatisfactory--Yakima Herald, March 20, 1890.

The fire bell was tested in its new position on the city hall last Monday and did good work, being distinctly heard by parties two miles from town. Everybody forgot the notice published that the trial would be made and a few minutes after the bell started an immense crowd covered Front street for two or three blocks--Yakima Herald, March 20, 1890.

Fire Department

The volunteer fire department of Nerty Yakima is a source of pride to the people of this city.

It is composed of as brave and active lot of boys as ever scaled a roof or held a nozzle; but they are laboring under a disadvantage which in our judgment might be easily removed.

The engine and hose house is located on Front between Yakima avenue and A street. At this point the entire apparatus is kept .

The proposition is to locate one hose cart on Second street between Chestnut and Walnut; another on Third between B and C and a third on the west side of the railroad track somewhere in the vicinity of the school house, the fourth remaining with the engine at the hall.

In this arrangement of the hose and apparatus would be so distributed as to make it possible to get at least one response to the alarm of fire far ahead of the time usually made from the city hall to distant parts of town.

The company is made up largely of business men and their clerks and during business hours they are distributed all over the main section of the city.

It might be suggested that the ringing of the fire bell for the meetings of the city council and the fire department ought to be discontinued. It has a tender to render the alarm of fire a commonplace affair--Yakima Herald, September 7, 1893.

Fire Department

At a meeting of the fire department last week John Reed was elected chief and Ed ~~ammer~~ assistant chief. It is understood that the boys decided to oppose the reelection of any member of the council who favored selling the steamer-- Yakima Herald, June 14, 1894.

Fire Department

A small 12 x 12 frame building is this week being constructed on the vacant block just west of The Herald office by the city in which one hose car and 400 feet of hose will be hereafter kept for the protection of this section of the city from flames.

In case of an alarm of fire originating south of the avenue the department will have less ground to cover to secure the paraphernalia in the new building--Yakima Herald, Oct. 24, 1895.