

PORTLAND ENGINES AID

FIRE EQUIPMENT IS RUSHED TO ASTORIA.

Local Apparatus Arrives on Scene in Record Time After Call for Aid Comes.

Hastily assembled by order of Fire Chief Young, additional fire fighting apparatus was dispatched to Astoria on a special train at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, arriving in time to be in at the death of one of the greatest fires in the history of the state.

The equipment, accompanied by crews of local firemen, comprised two steamers, one pumper, 6000 feet of hose, and other apparatus—and represented Portland's response to the call for assistance, received scarcely two hours before the special broke rail records to Astoria.

Co-operating with Chief Young in sending the apparatus was Walter Long, of the A. G. Long company, local representative of a fire apparatus company. With six members of the Portland bureau, Mr. Long, and one of his employees manned the equipment at Astoria. The 6000 feet of hose was contributed by various companies throughout the city, and was assembled by Chief Young, who violated traffic regulations in his dash from engine house to engine house.

The speedy dispatch of the special was made possible by the co-operation of Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway officials, who ordered that the train be made up at the loading docks and given right of way to the coast city.