

PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS HARD STRUCK BY FOREST FIRES

(Associated Press Local Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—The total fire loss on privately owned land in Oregon during the forest fire season of 1929 reached a new high total of \$1,578,422, says a report by State Forester F. A. Elliott.

This covered timber, logs, logging equipment and damage to farms. This is the first time the loss has exceeded a million dollars.

Notwithstanding it was the most serious fire season since the state began to keep records the loss in merchantable timber was less than in 1925 and 1929. For each of those two years the loss was over half a million board feet, while in 1929 it was 231,000 feet. The value of the 1929 merchantable timber loss was over a half million dollars, the high value being due to the unusually large amount of Port Orford cedar destroyed. This has a stumpage value of from \$10 to \$15 a thousand.

The 1929 fire season was the longest on record, dating from early in the summer until December 7. Usually the season ends about the middle of September. Lack of rain was the cause of the long season.

September was the most dangerous period in many years. In many instances it was impossible to obtain enough fire fighters and the entire state was blanketed with smoke, which made the work of lookouts difficult. This handicap also met government airplanes which aided the state department.

An unusual condition was that had fires occurred in Coos and Curry counties late in the fall, a season when that district is usually blanketed with fog or is rain-soaked. East winds prevailed instead.

Protection agencies under direction of the state forester fought 1472 fires during the season which covered 370,155 acres of private land. About 100,000 acres of this was merchantable timber.

Patrol and fire-fighting costs reached a new high total of \$750,000. Of this the state and the counties expended \$570,000, the federal government under the Clarke-McNary act \$200,000 and timber owners \$33,000.

Coos county was the heaviest sufferer with a loss of \$528,000 and Marion county second with a \$444,000 loss. The loss in Douglas county was \$153,000, Tillamook \$132,000 and Washington \$106,955.

NORBLAD NAMES MEN TO GET DATA ON HOOVER'S PLAN

(Associated Press Local Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26.—Governor Norblad yesterday appointed the commission that is to assemble the data relative to unreserved and unclassified public lands in Oregon, to be furnished E. C. Van Petton of Ontario, the Oregon representative on President Hoover's general public lands committee.

The governor fixed the membership of the commission appointed today at five. The members are: R. C. Calvert and Robert N. Stanfield of Portland, William Duhay of Baker, W. B. Snyder of Paisley, and Olla Armstrong of Medford.

Calvert, who is editor of the Oregonian, was appointed, the governor explained, for the reason that he represents the newspaper interests and also because he was Governor Patterson's representative at the general lands conference at Salt Lake City's appointment rested on his wide knowledge of eastern Oregon conditions. Stanfield was named because when a member of the United States senate he was chairman of the public lands committee, and also because he represents the sheep interests.

Snyder represents the interests of the cattlemen. Armstrong is a past president of the Oregon irrigation congress and was appointed because reclamation is vitally connected with the public lands issue.

The work of this committee will be supplemented by cooperation from the offices of State Engineer Luper and State Forester F. A. Elliott and also from the Oregon office of the federal general land department. The service of the latter was volunteered by W. S. Boyer of Portland, chief of the field division. Boyer stated that he has 15 field men at work in the state who are more acquainted with the public lands question than any other body of men.

The commission appointed yesterday will gather information relative to quality, character and location and other information concerning the lands, all of which will go into the hands of Mr. Van Petton. The commission, however, will report back within three weeks to the general conference that met in Portland January 23. The early report is necessary for the reason that the general Hoover committee is to meet in Washington in about three weeks.

HIKER LITTLE HURT WHEN AUTO STRIKES

Lewis Wilburn, of Waverlyville, Oregon, received minor injuries Saturday morning while walking the highway when a California car driven by D. H. Maxwell struck him, knocking him down and running over his body. The accident happened near Oakland.

Mr. Maxwell took Mr. Wilburn to a doctor at Oakland who examined him and declared his injuries to be so slight that he was able to continue on his way unassisted.

News of Douglas County

DRAIN LEADING NORTH DOUGLAS BASKETBALL RACE

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

YONCALLA, Jan. 27.—The Yoncalla high school basketball team defeated Oakland high in the second game of the north Douglas basketball series in a close contest Friday night, 29 to 18. Yoncalla led throughout the game, Oakland making a hard attempt to overtake their opponents in the last quarter. The game was very tough on Oakland's part and Yoncalla converted all but one foul called on the visitors.

In a preliminary after the main event the Drain town team defeated the Yoncalla team 31 to 16.

Drain high school defeated the Elktion high school at Drain the same evening, 31 to 12. This gives Drain the lead in the league, having beaten Yoncalla two weeks ago at Drain.

League standings now are:

	Won	Lost	Points
Drain	3	0	1000
Yoncalla	1	1	500
Oakland	0	1	000
Elktion	0	1	000

SUTHERLIN

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

SUTHERLIN, Jan. 25.—Mr. Clifford, representative of the Union Oil company, has been ill for the past few days with intestinal flu. He resumed his duties Friday.

J. W. Turner is suffering from an attack of intestinal influenza.

Mrs. Josephine Stark, local postmistress, returned Thursday from Portland where she has been visiting with her sister.

Rev. F. L. Young is confined to his home as a result of a fall on the ice last week which broke his shoulder blade and two ribs.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Bacon of San Francisco, are registered at Hotel Sutherlin.

Jack Culver is able to be about his work in the meat market after suffering a sprained ankle by falling on the ice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lehne from Pasco, Washington, were registered at Hotel Sutherlin Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lehne own an orchard east of Sutherlin and expect to build a home on their property next spring. As soon as the place is improved sufficiently they expect to move to Sutherlin to reside.

W. J. Hayner made a business trip to Roseburg Friday.

The local telephone service is suspended because of wires and poles being broken by the snow.

RIDDLE

RIDDLE, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Alva Flemming of Klamath Falls is a guest this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nichols.

Frank Battner, of Canyonville, was attending to business matters here Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Houser and Miss Alta Moore spent the day shopping in Roseburg Wednesday.

Everett Eaton was in from Peck Friday getting supplies and attending to business matters.

Mrs. Tom Rittman, who resides near Winchester, was visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. M. Acker, Monday.

Geo. E. Atkins and Lyle made a business trip to Springfield Wednesday. Mrs. S. R. Nichols had charge of the furniture store during Mr. Atkins' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ash and Mrs. H. A. Stierer were Roseburg visitors Tuesday.

Randolph L. Morrow and family, who have been visiting several months at the home of his father, A. V. Morrow, on the Canyonville road, returned to Medford the first of the week.

La Vernie Haven of Roseburg was a business visitor here Thursday.

Gaylord Yokum, who has been working in the vicinity of Yreka, Calif., the past few months, returned to his home here this week.

Lyman Cloud of Crescent City, a former resident here, was here the first of the week visiting with his mother, Mrs. Cora Cloud.

Jess Shambrook of Roseburg was visiting old acquaintances here Thursday.

P. W. Dittel, Charles Moshad and C. M. Mynatt, delegates from the local grange, attended a grange meeting in Roseburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Ball returned to Roseburg Friday and spent the afternoon shopping and attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clare of Astoria were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Randall. They remained overnight returning to their home Monday.

Mrs. Pete Hittel, who accompanied Mrs. Lousdon to Portland and was with her during her operation, returned to her home here Friday.

Mrs. Marie Harris of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Hamlin, at present.

Lewis Weaver of Canyonville was a business visitor here Friday afternoon.

Colo's S. P. bridge gang have been stationed here for several weeks and are making extensive repairs to the stock pen at the S. P. yards.

Mrs. Alfred Howard entertained the Thimble club at her home Thursday afternoon. Delicious refreshments of fruit salad, cake and coffee were served by the hostess.

Miss Lillian Lousdon went to Portland Monday evening to be with her mother, who is ill in a hospital there.

Cassius M. Mynatt is spending

the week visiting with relatives at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rockhill, who have been making an extended visit with relatives at Chicago and other points in the east, returned to their home here Wednesday. They made the trip by auto, returning over the southern route, and report a most enjoyable trip.

Mrs. O. V. Lousdon, who was taken to Portland last week for medical treatment, underwent an operation Tuesday at Dr. Coffey's hospital there, for the removal of gallstones. Friends of Mrs. Lousdon will be glad to know that she came through the operation safely and is improving in a very satisfactory manner.

LEONA

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

LEONA, Jan. 27.—Clara Short and Blissa Singleton motored to Roseburg Thursday to attend to business and do some trading.

Mrs. Christina Beebe motored to Cottage Grove for a visit the first of the week.

Work has been resumed on the new bridge at Leona. The pile driver is back at work putting in the piling.

Mrs. Filley, of Sutherlin, visited for several days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sherm Baldwin.

Mrs. Theodore Jensen, who has been quite ill for several days, is considerably improved.

Loner Compton, one of the leading poultrymen of the northern part of the county, has started his big incubator for the spring hatch. He reports that he has booked a great many more orders this year than ever before.

Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. Norval Orr, who are visiting in Kansas, that they have been "snowed in" and will not be able to return until road conditions improve.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. Sam Magee Thursday in honor of her little daughter, Irene.

The sudden and unexpected death of Marie Crandall, who passed away Friday night, was a great shock to the residents of Leona and community. She had apparently been making satisfactory improvement from her recent severe illness. The body was taken to Cottage Grove to be prepared for her funeral.

FIELDS DEFEATS VINCE DUNDEE FOR THE FOURTH TIME

(Associated Press Local Wire)

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The Dundee family of Baltimore will receive no more professional attention from Jackie Fields (born Jackie Finkbein), welterweight champion of the world.

Fields last night in the Chicago stadium, accomplished his fourth and most convincing victory over Vince, the younger of the Dundees, of Baltimore, and having won his title from Joe, the elder, believes that five beatings should convince any family.

Vince had given Fields vigorous competition on three previous occasions, but last night came within a whisker of being knocked out. After the second round of their 10-round engagement Dundee took a terrific beating. He was knocked down four times in the third round, and was in distress later in the fight. He went down under Fields' vicious attack twice for the count of eight, once for nine, and was on the floor for the fourth time when the bell ended the third round. He made a game stand, and in the final round, used everything he had left, but was a decidedly beaten fighter.

The show drew about 8,000 spectators who paid in \$25,000.

Chevrolet truck, 1929 six, in fine shape. Priced so you can afford to buy it now and keep it until spring. For sale by Hansen Chevrolet Co.—Adv.

WOULD FIX LEGAL ALCOHOLIC LIMIT VIA COMMISSION

(Associated Press Local Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—After a call at the White House, Representative Dyer of Missouri, ranking republican on the house judiciary committee, said today he had suggested to President Hoover that the law enforcement commission be asked to fix the percentage of alcohol which could be manufactured in compliance with the eighteenth amendment.

Dyer said the benefit of increasing the limit of alcoholic content within the non-intoxicating range would make legitimate the manufacture of a beverage which would be palatable and would eliminate the illegal but widespread practice of home-brewing.

The Wickersham commission, he added, undoubtedly would report to the president and to congress that beverages containing not more than 3 per cent of alcohol are non-intoxicating, and in fact possibly would express the conclusion

that a change in the law would assist in enforcement.

"There is every reason to anticipate," Dyer said, "that if the people were enabled to secure these non-intoxicating beverages in compliance with law the public would be more amenable to the prohibition enactment."

He asserted he felt the Wickersham commission was in position to find out what beverages were intoxicating, and that its findings would bear weight not only with congress but with the people as a whole.

MRS. M. J. LUCAS OF COLORADO DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

(Associated Press Local Wire)

Mrs. Mary Jane Lucas, who came to this city from Grand Junction, Colo., about three months ago, died last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Loring W. Jordan.

She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, April 21, 1861. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Lucas is survived by three sons, Arthur, of Denver, Colo.; Elmer, of Medford, Ore., and Dewey, of Grand Junction. She also leaves seven grandchildren. The body was shipped by the Douglas Funeral Home yesterday to Grand Junction. It was accompanied by Mrs. Jordan.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERAN DIES

(Associated Press Local Wire)

Louis Norwood, a Spanish-American war veteran, passed away this morning at the Soldiers' Home hospital after a short illness. He was 63 years of age, a native of Iowa, and was admitted to the state institution from Crook county, July 23, 1925. He was married in August, 1928, to Mrs. M. Smith, who survives him. He also leaves eight children by a former marriage, and a brother, who resides in Nebraska. He served in Company D, 27th U. S. Infantry. The body was removed to the Douglas Funeral Home and is being prepared for burial at the Soldiers' Home cemetery Thursday.

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HUSKY HOOPSTERS KEEP LEAGUE LEAD BY BEATING OREGON

(Associated Press Local Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—University of Washington by its one-point victory of 32 to 31 over Oregon Saturday night maintained its hold on first place in the northwestern division of the Pacific coast basketball conference.

The Web team, coached by the experienced coach, kept the lead in the last ten minutes of the game. During that time Oregon led the Huskies to one single four conversion while totalling 12 points, just one short of a tie.

Washington moves to Corvallis today where she meets the Staters, still under the coaching of Dick Newman while Coach "Slate" Gill is recovering from his attack of pneumonia.

This week-end will see the ancient rivals, Oregon State and Oregon, meeting in their first conference game at Eugene Saturday night.

Despite their unexpected and one-sided defeat Saturday night by Southern California, 33 to 16, University of Southern California at Los Angeles maintained their lead in the southern division. The only conference has victory over California and Stanford to its credit.

The standings of the northern division teams follow:

	W.	L.	Points
Washington	3	1	720
Washington State	3	2	500
Oregon State	2	4	333
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OREGON TRUCKMEN FIGHTING AGAINST NEW POUNDAGE ACT

(Associated Press Local Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26.—The Portland Van & Storage company and 24 other plaintiffs, all contract haulers of freight by truck in the state of Oregon have filed suit in circuit court here against Hal E. Hoes, secretary of state, to restrain collection of 100 per cent extra license fees on trucks carrying 1500 pounds or more and 50 per cent extra on trucks hauling less.

The complaint is directed against legislative enactments of the last legislature imposing collection and regulation of trucks by the secretary of state and changing license fees. The complaint avers that the fees exacted are arbitrary and discriminatory and that the legislative acts involved are unconstitutional and void.

The complaint not only asks for injunction against the secretary of state restraining him from collecting such fees but also strikes at the regulatory provisions by asking that he be enjoined from interfering with the business of the plaintiffs.

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Is She Arizona's Gunwoman



Beautiful and blonde is Mrs. Irene Schroeder, Southern divorcee. She was arrested by an Arizona sheriff's posse, after a gun battle in the hills. Fingerprint may connect her with the murder of Corporal Paul Brady, in which event she will be extradited to Pennsylvania. Her companions were tentatively identified as those sought in connection with the slaying of Patrolman Brady at New Castle, Pa. (Lower) Little Don Schroeder, her four-year-old son, laughs as he did when he told state police that his mother "shot two cops like you."

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MOTHER OF IDAHO SENATOR'S WIFE PASSES, AGED 84

(Associated Press Local Wire)

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 27.—Mrs. William J. McConnell, 84, widow of one of Idaho's early governors and mother of Mrs. William E. Borah, died here today.

She crossed the plains to the Willamette valley in Oregon in 1852 and she saw the colorful development of the west. The man she married in 1886 was destined to play a leading role in the bloody but impressive melodrama that was Idaho's earliest history.

As mistress of the executive mansion, Mrs. McConnell participated in the state's most stirring political era, and its most colorful economic and historical eras.

Senator William E. Borah, then a young man becoming known for his oratory, met his wife, Mary, at the McConnell home while campaigning for the governor, who later became senator.