

WALLACE HALF GONE

OVER 150 KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BURNED TO DEATH IN AND NEAR WALLACE SUNDAY

Spokane, Aug. 22.—According to dispatches from Idaho, 112 are dead in the forest fires. According to a report from the Wallace Press this afternoon, eighty are dead around Wallace, and 34 bodies have been found on Big Creek. A party of 180 men of the forestry service, who were missing yesterday, have worked their way to the shore of the St. Joe river and are safe, excepting four, who are burned.

It is reported the town of Salfese, 125 miles from Wallace, is burning. The entire county from Wallace to St. Joe river, a distance of 25 miles, is on fire, and a high wind is starting again at Wallace, but it is believed the town will be saved.

That a train load of forty-two refugees and nine nurses were probably burned to death near Wallace while fleeing to Missoula, is admitted here this afternoon by the Northern Pacific officials. Railroad officials said that all trace of the train has been lost and that reports from the scene of the fire indicate that persons on board ran into the fire. The refugees were patients from the Wallace hospital, in care of sisters of charity.

Medford, Ore., Aug. 22.—If the wind switches from the west to the south with the present fire raging near Ashland, there would be great danger of the town burning, according to Chief Ranger Gribble, who is directing the fight against the Ashland fire. This morning the fire bells rang and the people assembled. Gribble told the people of the danger. A call for vol-

unteers was answered by 150 men who left immediately. The fires continue to rage uncontrolled in Southern Oregon, and new fires are starting.

Spokane, Wn., August 22.—A telephone message from Wallace says the list of known dead is now 27, exclusive of the twenty-three known dead outside of Wallace. The wind at noon had died down, and it is believed there is no more danger to the remaining half of the town.

The town of Burke, Idaho, is reported burning. It has a population of 1,000, set in a narrow canyon ten miles from Wallace.

Lewiston, Aug. 22.—Fire is raging through the Clearwater forest reserve. Eight hundred men in the reserve are powerless until the wind drops. Miles of forests are consumed.

Spokane, Wn., Aug. 22.—With half of Wallace gone, the little towns of Taft, Stregismond, Avery Idaho burned, and various other settlements in Washington, Idaho and Montana threatened, the fire situation is worse than ever before. In the fire zone, thirty bodies were recovered up to an early hour today. The death list near Wallace will be at least fifty, it is reported. At sunrise seven bodies were recovered at Wallace, four at Newport, Wash., six at the War Eagle mine near Wallace, 12 in Big Creek, 1 at Mullan. At St. Joe, southwest of Wallace, 18 men are missing. One hundred and eighty fighters are hemmed in, and a party of 100 has gone to the rescue.

The flames are sweeping over an ever-increasing area and the damage is already several millions.

Approximately 3,000 refugees are here, and thousands are at Missoula. Many have only a few garments, a few are blinded and some badly burned.

The loss at Wallace is millions. The fire department and a company of 25 soldiers is trying to save the remainder of the city. Only rain can save the country from enormous losses and a number of small settlements will go, it is believed, unless it rains.

Montana Fires Bad.

Helena, Aug. 22.—The forest fire situation in Montana is the worst in history. Communication with the Flathead country is off, but last reports said the conditions are hopeless.

The Blitter Root fires are going with renewed vigor. High winds are spreading. There are forest fires seven miles south of Bozeman. Other fires are in the western part. They cannot secure men to fight the flames.

Libby was reported surrounded by fire. Governor Norris, who was on an inspection trip with an army of engineers, left the party and started for Libby, where it is believed he will take personal charge of the work.

Will Prosecute Squatters.

Washington Aug. 22.—The forestry service has telegraphed Forester Buck at Medford today to use every effort to arrest the men who set the fires in southern Oregon. Buck replied, saying 25 detectives are already hunting down the incendiaries.

There is no relief. Rain is the only salvation.

Happily, Medical Springs is in no danger. More troops were asked for late last week, but none were available, and the commanders here now see the utter uselessness of asking for more this week. Those already here will stay on the ground doing what they can, but there is little work to do.

Ten thousand acres have been burned in the two week's time that the fire has been raging. Rain alone can stop it.

MORE IN WALLOWA COUNTY

More Fires Breaking Out in Wallowa County—Troops Refused.

Office of Wallowa Forest Ranger, Wallowa, Aug. 22.—Special.—Forest fires are breaking out in Wallowa county daily. The rangers have lost track of the exact number. At this time, there are none that are especially vicious and sufficient numbers of men could cope with many of them quite satisfactorily. In sharp contrast to the Idaho fires, no towns are in danger, a dozen homesteaders or so being all that have been threatened with bodily harm from the blaze. These have moved to places of safety.

LOSSES FELT HERE.

Local People Have Friends in Fire Zone at Wallace Conflagration.

A message received here today from Spokane says that W. M. Oliver and daughter were in the Wallace fire. Mrs. Tucker, a sister of Mrs. Fred Johnson, lost all she owned in the fire but escaped with her life. Mr. Oliver left Wallace this morning for Spokane.

Interstate Chess Match.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 22.—An interstate chess match between New York and Pennsylvania players will be a feature of the chess meeting opened here today.

Liquor Men In Session.
Albina, N. Y.—Aug 22.—Several hundreds of the loyal sons of Bacchus are in attendance today at the annual convention of the New York State Liquor Dealers' Association. Reforms in the liquor business and methods of fighting the prohibition sentiment are among the matters scheduled for discussion.

Shorthand Writers Convene.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 22.—Meeting in the twelfth annual session, the National Shorthand Reporters' Association convened in Denver today. Toronto is asking for the 1911 convention. A speed contest will be the convention feature.

Eagles Fly to St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—Two thousand lodges, scattered throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, are represented at the eleventh grand assembly of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which opened in St. Louis today. In addition to the business sessions, there will be a great parade, band concerts, drills and social entertainments galore. There are now approximately over 575,000 Eagles, making the order one of the five largest fraternal organizations in the United States.

Moose Meet in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Aug. 22.—With characteristic Maryland hospitality, Baltimore extended the glad hand of welcome to the thousands of good fellows gathered together at the annual national convention of the Loyal Order of Moose. "Merchants' week" which always attracts thousands of southern business men and buyers, also commenced today, and Baltimore faces the busiest six days in its history.

The Loyal Order of Moose was organized in Louisville in 1888, and is especially strong in the South and West. Lodges have recently been organized in many eastern cities and the convention here is expected to give added impetus to the growth of the order along the Atlantic seaboard.

Fraternities Convene.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 22.—All sections of the country have sent delegations to the annual convention opened today by the Associated Fraternities of America.

J. D. GILLILAN IS ASSIGNED TO LOCAL PULPIT

C. E. McLEOD GOES TO VALE AND HALEY IS SUPERINTENDENT

Conference at Joseph is Ended and Preachers are in the City Today

Retiring District Superintendent J. D. Gilliland has been assigned to the La Grande charge, to succeed C. E. McLeod who goes to Vale. This is the announcement made by Bishop C. W. Smith last evening at the closing session of the annual conference. A third district has been created and is known as the Pocatello district.

Headed by Bishop Smith, a delegation of about 100 ministers and lay delegates to the conference, returned to La Grande this afternoon and are spending the afternoon here.

The appointments made last evening for the La Grande district, are as follows:

La Grande district—G. G. Haley, superintendent, of La Grande, Oregon. Alice H. S. Hamilton; Baker City. D. C. McColm; Brogan Circuit, to be supplied; Cove circuit, Henry Martin; Dayville and Mt. Vernon, to be sup-

GREAT SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN PROGRESS

THE OBSERVER HAS EMPLOYED SOLICITORS FROM THE W. R. HEARST SYNDICATE TO CALL ON EVERY FAMILY IN UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES--AMERICAN WEEKLY WILL BE GIVEN FREE

Without doubt the greatest subscription campaign ever inaugurated by any newspaper in Eastern Oregon is now in progress in Union and Wallowa counties. This morning bright and early, several solicitors employed by the Observer, started on their house-to-house calls, offering the American Weekly, the greatest publication issued by Mr. Hearst, as a premium to all who will subscribe and pay in advance for the Evening Observer. It is the best opportunity to obtain high-grade reading matter along with the news of the world the day it happens, that has ever been given.

The Observer, true to its promise, has increased its telegraph service of late, and today is offering the condensed news of the entire world each evening, along with local happenings in La Grande, Union, and Wallowa counties. No one need but one paper for the daily news, provided that paper is the Observer. The American Weekly deals with entirely different subjects, and sticks strictly to matters of a magazine nature, including fashions for the ladies, comics for the children, farm hints, poultry raising and a hundred other things, besides the continued stories. The combination is ideal for in the Observer you get the news that you want to read and in the American Weekly you get the matter that makes the long winter evenings pass quickly.

Among the solicitors now at work are Charles Chester, L. Levy and J. W. Craphead, all being under the supervision of H. P. Walls, who is closely associated with William Randolph Hearst in his many publication ventures.

The idea for this campaign is to place the Observer in every home in the two counties. The list has been growing by leaps and bounds of late,

but with this magnificent free offer, the management of the Observer expects to cover at least 95 per cent of the people in the two counties who want newspapers.

The advertiser cannot help seeing the immediate benefit this campaign will do for him, for the Observer's force as an advertising medium is already well established and the increase in circulation is bound to add that much more value to the columns, which benefit will be reaped by the man who has something to sell and is willing to advertise it.

The Special Edition

It will be but a short time now that the Observer issues its Annual Industrial Edition covering Eastern Oregon in general and the Grande Ronde valley in particular. This is one of the largest undertakings ever attempted by a country daily in a city the size of La Grande, and when it is considered in connection with the marvelous subscription campaign now in progress, everyone must admit that the Observer is not sleeping, but on the other hand is trying to shape itself into the publication the management feels La Grande is entitled to.

Each week finds a new name on the pay roll of this paper and the manufacturing plant that turns out the Observer, with the job printing plant in connection, is not to be overlooked, when one is figuring up the smaller institutions that pay out a nice bunch of money each week to men and women who live in La Grande. Arrangements are being made for another shift on the linotype machine, which means another important stride in newspaper making.

When the solicitor calls upon you, bear in mind it is your chance to obtain a great bargain in reading matter for the winter months.

GEO. KREIGER IS AT DEATH'S DOOR TODAY

HIS DEATH MOMENTARILY EXPECTED HERE.

Family Called to His Bedside This Morning—Sinking Rapidly.

Councilman George Kreiger, representing, with W. J. Church, the third ward of this city, is lingering at death's door at Hot Lake this afternoon. His family was called to his bedside early this morning, and it is but a matter of hours evidently, until he will die.

The councilman was practically given up here several weeks ago. He had been suffering with Bright's disease for a year or more, and last summer was thought to be dying, but recovered, and was able to attend to his duties here as manager of the La Grande brick yard. His last attack was more serious and he has been declining constantly for several weeks, recuperating slightly at times, only to grow weaker after the revival. His death is momentarily expected this afternoon.

LOCAL FIRE SITUATION GROWS WORSE AND MANY HOMESTEADS ARE ALREADY COMPLETE LOSSES

LOCAL FIRE SITUATION.

Fires breaking out daily in Wallowa county.

Conflagration at Medical Springs hopeless and beyond control.

New fires breaking out at headwaters of Rock Creek and Ladd Canyon.

Many homesteaders lose all their property.

Fire near La Grande spreading this afternoon, after apparent relaxation this morning, and if wind changes, will threaten the city.

Large fire in Blue Mountains visible from Summerville.

Several smaller fires visible from La Grande in Northwestern and Western directions.

A dozen families have been forced to flee from their homesteads south of La Grande, and leaving much of their personal property, have come to this city for safety. They were driven out by a fire suddenly springing up at the headwaters of Rock Creek and Ladd Creek. The latter stream is the home of the Wilcox Lumber Company of this city, is anticipating trouble.

As yet the company has lost nothing, but as the fire is spreading in several directions and it is not unlikely that the Wilcox people will suffer losses.

The Rock Creek shed is the home of the Grande Ronde Lumber company holdings, but telephone communica-

tions are cut off and it is not known how near the fire is to that belt of timber.

John McAllister has a homestead in the burned-over region and of course did not experience personal danger, for he is making his home in the valley. Mr. Kleese and others lost their homes.

The fire is a considerable distance south of the city and it was scarcely possible to see the smoke from the big conflagration from La Grande. This afternoon is plainly visible.

The fire near the city, on the north slope of the city's southern border, is diminishing in fierceness, and will likely burn itself out in a few days. Little effort is being made to fight it, for there is no immediate danger to settlers or homesteaders.

NO HOPE AT MEDICAL SPRINGS.

Rain Only Salvation—Men are of No Use in Struggle There.

Medical Springs, Aug. 22.—Special.—All the troops in Oregon and the Northwest for that matter, could not stay the mad progress of the forest fires, rapidly working east from Medical Springs today. The high wind yesterday fairly swept the blaze through the tinder-like forests, and if all the population of Union county were arrayed against it, there would