

FOREST LOSSES IN 1922 WERE KEPT TO \$605

en Caused Nearly One-Half of the Number of Forest Fires that Burned Last Year is Report.

PENDELTON, Feb. 17.—A total of 74 fires were extinguished in the national forests during 1922, the total loss from fire the forest prior was \$605.12, and 1 acre, a bit more than one section, was burned over, according to an annual report of fire losses which has been completed by R. A. Itcher, deputy forest supervisor.

The percentage of man-caused fires is exceedingly high for this district, according to Mr. Motcher, 36 of the 74 fires having been caused by the carelessness of either men or women. He stated this morning at under ordinary circumstances, a number of man-caused fires could not be more than one-fourth the number that have been actually reported.

The cost of extinguishing the fires and suppressing fires for the year is \$5,005.83. In addition to the 1 acre in the national forest that was burned over, another 139 acres of privately owned land or her land which is protected by the forest service and the state in cooperation, and 681 acres of land outside of the forest were damaged by fire. The causes of the fires as classified by the forest service were as follows: Lightning, 38; camp fires, 15; smoking, 20; brush burning, one.

Prosecution of those responsible for starting fires was made in four cases. Three convictions with fines totaling \$45 were secured, and the fourth case is pending.

An important reduction of the loss that elapsed between the first report and the definite locating of a fire was worked out this year. This was made possible by a change in the reporting system. Lookouts used in the Umatilla or western division of the forest, and patrols used in the Wenaha division. In the western division, the lookouts made their reports directly to the central dispatcher who then secured azimuth readings from two or more lookout men. From these readings he plotted the location of the fire on his map and then the word was sent to the rangers who immediately got out to the scene of the fire. The fires were definitely located this year in about one-half the time that has heretofore been required as necessary.

There were more fires during August of 1922 than in any other month, 27 blazes being reported by the period. In July there were a total of 26, and 20 fires were reported for September. The 10-day period from July 21-31 had 15 fires, the worst 10-day period of the summer.

SCOOTER INTRODUCED
(By The Associated Press.)
ELGENE, Ore., Feb. 17.—Soccer football has been included among the training stunts required of University of Oregon track athletes by "Bill" Hayward, veteran trainer of champion yellow athletic teams.

This season Hayward is having his distance and middle distance men play soccer football three times each week instead of working out daily in the winter path. According to the veteran mentor the men thus develop their wind and loosen their muscles without running the risk of going stale that sometimes results from daily workouts on the track.

JACK RABBITS SLAIN
(By Associated Press.)
CORVALLIS, Feb. 17.—Jack rabbits numbering 265,975 were killed in our counties through the efforts of the O. A. C. extension service, and practical extermination was accomplished in another county.

Little Rock Arkansas Democrat: The Noble peace prize awaits the inventor of a face powder that won't come off on a man's coat sleeve.

Norfolk Lodger Dispatch: As Shakespeare almost said, France is finding it is little with a difference.

PAROLE BOARD CRITICIZED
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—The state Bar Association committee, in a report today criticized the granting of thirty-one pardons and thirty-six paroles by Roy Ritner when acting as governor in November and December.

Both the parole board and Ritner were criticized.

GEORGIA PEACH
Mildred Churchwell of Cordele, Ga., was chosen the prettiest girl at Warren College, Macon, Ga., the oldest woman's college in the United States.

VIENNA OLD ORDER PASSES

VIENNA, Jan. 24. (By Mail)—The recalling of things as they used to be does not come amiss in Vienna, for in the old days there were many things so pleasant in this city that their recollection and discussion today serves often to lighten the gloom of a dull winter.

Take, for instance, the Vienna hausermeister, the janitor of American cities, but a dignified, storied, useful and even courteous janitor. It was his custom to open the doors of apartment houses after 10 o'clock at night for the belated, and to await a fee of 20 heller, four cents, for the service.

No one minded it; foreigners found it most novel and amusing. For two centuries or more the fee has been 20 heller, and its collection through a year was sometimes enough to send the janitor's children to school.

Now the hausermeisters and the tenants are in bitter feud. The courts have permitted an increase in this fee in a ruling, the loose wording of which has been seized upon by the hausermeisters as authorization for a charge the tenants call utterly unreasonable. They are refusing to pay it, and in retaliation the hausermeisters, on the inside of the doors, are refusing to let them into their own apartments if the tenant reaches the threshold of his house one minute after 10 o'clock. Some tenants are determined to "put an end to the outrage" that, when refused admission, they are turning to the nearest police station and demanding shelter for the night. Thus it was recently reported in the newspapers that in one district of the city alone no fewer than 17 persons spent the night in the look-up in preference to meeting the exactions of the grasping hausermeister.

Another incident of today recalls the time when Hofrat or Court Counselor, was a title that carried with it in Vienna something worth while. Many a woman was happy, in the old days when she could order calling cards bearing the inscription "Fran Hofrat."

A few days ago the senate of the University of Vienna notified the government that professors would henceforth decline the title, and that those now possessed of it had decided to drop it. Since the fall of the monarchy it has been handed out so freely to men in all walks of life that it has lost all the distinction it ever enjoyed.

BUSHMAN ARRAIGNED ON LARCENY CHARGE
PENDELTON, Feb. 17.—Andy Bushman, held in the county jail on a charge of larceny, was yesterday arraigned before the justice court and bonds set at \$500 pending a preliminary hearing to be held Saturday.

Bushman is the Indian who a few days after his escape from the Walla Walla penitentiary got into trouble with another escaped convict, and before he was arrested by an special agent of the railroad had been shot.

While suffering from the effects of the gunshot wound in his jaw at St. Anthony's hospital, he cut the tendons of his hand which held him there, and made his escape in night clothes to the reservation, but was tracked by blood hounds and recaptured the next day.

CHEHALIS FACTORY RAISING
CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 17.—Work on the re-manufacturing plant being erected in Chehalis by the Wallville Lumber company on lower Chehalis avenue is progressing most satisfactorily. It is planned to have the factory built and the equipment installed so that it may be running inside of 60 to 90 days. Three units of dry kilns are being built with the probability that two more will later be added. From 50 to 75 men will be employed.

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Cause of Dread Influenza Now Known to Physicians

Influenza is not a new disease—world-wide epidemics of the disease have occurred at intervals for a long time. The pandemic of 1918 was the most outstanding of the series, because of the high mortality that occurred with the disease.

It has been observed that during the years immediately following an epidemic of influenza there occurs secondary waves of the disease of a milder character.

At the present time we are in the midst of such a secondary wave. Mild influenza is now prevalent in the state, in the United States, and in parts of Europe. Your attention is directed to this matter in order that the necessary precautions may be observed to prevent the spread of the disease from person to person.

It is of very great interest to learn that on February 2, Dr. Simons N. Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, announced the discovery of the cause of influenza. Investigations at the institute have resulted in the discovery of a previously unknown, very minute germ which is present in the nose and throat during the first thirty-six hours of an influenza infection. This small bacillus has never been found in healthy persons, or those sick from other diseases. When the bacillus is injected into the "windpipes of rabbits" it produces effects similar to those seen in human beings in the several stages of influenza.

This new bacterium is so small that it can pass through the pores of an earthenware filter, and when magnified one thousand times it can just be seen distinctly. It has been given the name of Bacterium Pneumoniae, which translated into simple English means that this germ injures the lung tissues in such a way as to deprive it of the power, ordinarily possessed by it, of resisting the attacks of common bacteria of the nose and throat.

The disease is spread in the same manner as an ordinary cold, primarily by direct contact. Avoid people who cough and sneeze without protecting their nose and mouth with a handkerchief. Avoid visiting people who are sick or who have colds. Avoid congested, badly ventilated rooms. Keep yourself in good condition. Get the fresh air habit and keep it.

If you become ill go to bed and remain for 24 hours. If you do not get better call your physician and follow his advice. Influenza and other contagious diseases reported for the week ending February 10, 1923:

Diphtheria, Medford, 3; Portland, 24; Salem, 5; Lane county, 2; Marion county, 5; Wasco county, 2.

Scarlet Fever, Portland, 6; Clackamas county, 1; Coos county, 1; Lane county, 2; Yamhill county, 2.

Smallpox, Portland, 12; Salem, 1; Marion county, 2.

Typhoid, Wallawa county, 1; Wasco county, 1.



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