

# LIGHTNING ROD PREVENTS FIRE

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, July 21.—Property owners throughout the country are urged to equip their buildings with lightning rods by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which today declared that 99 per cent of the fires caused by lightning could thus be prevented. The losses by fire caused by lightning total \$70,000,000 annually.

A widespread indifference to this form of protection exists, however, due to the swindling methods employed by lightning rod dealers in the past, and the fact that it is highly difficult to obtain an expert who can determine whether or not installation has been correctly done.

Careful research by electrical authorities including Dr. Charles E. Steinmetz of the General Electric Company, and Thomas A. Edison have proven conclusively the efficiency of the lightning rod as a safety device, the Underwriters declare.

To guarantee property owners that their lightning rods have been properly installed and are a protection instead of a menace, the Board of Fire Underwriters has adopted a plan whereby a representative of their organization inspects all installations in his district, and affixes a "master label" to the work if it proves worthy.

Insurance companies will grant a reduction of insurance for lightning rods, in states where reductions are allowed, only on those buildings where the master label is attached along with the identification tag of the company which made the installation, the statement declares.

Laboratory services will be provided by the Fire Underwriters, where materials submitted by lightning rod companies will be tested for certification. The master label will be attached to the work of only those companies which maintain an inspection service along with their installation service, the Underwriters have ruled. No lightning rod company is barred from this laboratory service.

The adoption of the "master label" system will mark an era in preventing loss of property and life through lightning, the Fire Underwriters state, and for the first time standards for lightning rod installation, the system will cover the entire United States and Canada.

## S. P. VETERANS GO ON PENSION LIST

Forty-one veteran railroad workers, whose combined service totals 1985 years and 6 months, recently were retired on pension by the Southern Pacific Company, it was announced today.

These men had been in the employ of the company for periods ranging from 20 years to 49 years and 6 months. If one man could have lived long enough to perform the active work of these men it would have been necessary for him to have started in the year 559 before retiring at the present time.

John W. Wright, an engineer on the Sacramento Division, heads the list of these Southern Pacific men to join the "honor roll" of pensioners. He worked for 49 years and 6 months.

It was on August 12, 1873 that Mr. Wright began his railroad career as a wood watchman at Rocklin, where his home is now located. He later entered the train service and his first passenger run was on the second through passenger train to operate to Ogden.

Seven others had been employed by the railroad for more than forty years, the second in point of service being John D. Isaacs, consulting engineer, whose interesting career covered a period of 48 years and 3 months.

Others having a record of 40 years or more were Daniel C. Barnum, engineer on the Stockton Division; Archibald Stewart, ticket collector at San Francisco; John B. Lange, dock foreman at Algiers, La.; William Mountain, lead boiler-maker at West Oakland; Arthur M. Weston, condenser on Sacramento Division; and Daniel Rowlands, engineer on Salt Lake Division.

The pension department of the Southern Pacific was founded Jan. 1, 1903, and the total expenditure for pensions to March 31, 1923, was \$4,739,425.24.

### Plans Visitor's Day.

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., July 21.—As a fitting termination for the six weeks summer encampment of the Camp Lewis R. O. T. C., this year, plans have been completed to have a "visitor's day" on Monday, July 23, two days prior to the breaking up of camp.

A special program for the entertainment of the visitors, which will comprise two phases: Military and recreational, will be staged.

### TOWNLEY MACHINIE GONE.

DULUTH, Minn., July 21.—The National Nonpartisan league is through with Minnesota for the present at least and the great machine built up by A. C. Townley, former directing genius of the league, exists no more, according to several speakers at the annual session of the Working People's Nonpartisan league, the political movement of the State Federation of Labor, which closed its convention here Thursday.

The convention voted to meet in Minneapolis in September to confer with the elements comprising the Farmer-Labor party, with a view to affiliating with that body.

### Annual Golf Tournament.

PENDLETON, July 21.—The qualifying round in the annual Pendleton Golf Club championship tournament will be played on Saturday and Sunday, according to announcement made today.

It is expected that all the club members will enter the tournament as there is considerable interest in the affair. There will be eight in each flight and there will be as many flights as are necessary to take in all those who wish to enter. The tournament will probably be played off within a week from Sunday.

## FRISCO CLUB IS JINKED BY "DAYS"

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 21.—Every time the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League Baseball celebrates a "day," it proves a bad day for the club. The other day the Sox celebrated "Jack Miller Day," in honor of their manager who has kept the team in front in the Coast League this season, only to have the celebration marred by defeat at the hands of the Sacramento Senators. O'Connell Day, Rhyme Day, Kamm Day, and Wolverson Day proved similarly disastrous. The San Francisco owners are reported as having decided that the next "day" they celebrate will be the day after the season is over when the pennant is safely waving from the flagpole at Recreation Park.

### MISS WHITE GETS JOB

OREGON CITY, Or., July 21.—Miss Florence G. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White, of 894 Jefferson street, Oregon City, has received an appointment as aide in the occupational therapy department of the Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., to take effect immediately in the reconstruction work in the army hospital.

Miss White had much experience in her work at Salem when an instructor under the industrial accident commission, and also at Hahnemann hospital of the veterans bureau in Portland. She was graduated from the Oregon City high school, attended the Oregon Agricultural college and has taken art and crafts work at the University of Oregon in Portland. Miss White's duties at the Walter Reed hospital will be those of instructor in basketry, weaving, pottery and other occupational lines.

### 2 Girls Missing.

ALBANY, July 21.—Blanch Walsh and Bertha Berry, both 13, students at St. Mary's academy here, have been missing since Sunday night. It is thought that they have made their way to Portland. The Walsh girl lives in Salem, but the Berry girl is an Indian whose home is in Alaska.

### Store Robbed.

HUNTINGTON, Or., July 21.—The first burglary that Huntington has suffered in the past two years took place last week when about \$70.00 worth of goods were stolen from a cigar store early Tuesday morning. Entrance was made through the basement. A large amount of checks were not taken and a valuable watch and several other articles were overlooked. Goods in the store were not molested and no trace of the burglars has been found.

### Seeks Rail Extensions.

BEND, Or., July 21.—Data on tonnage and feasibility of railroad route extensions will be presented to Public Commissioner Corey by the Bond Commercial club tomorrow when he arrives in Bend. The club will be represented at the hearing by George A. Parkins, and it is expected that a round table discussion will follow the submission of data bearing on the Corey complaint filed to force construction of the Natron cut-off. Corey and his party will arrive in time to be guests at the weekly commercial club luncheon here at noon tomorrow, it is expected.

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## WILL PUBLISH COUNTY HISTORY

JOSEPH, July 21.—W. S. Burleigh, of Paradise was in Joseph recently interviewing pioneers and others relative to the publication of a Wallowa county history which he contemplates writing. In fact, Mr. Burleigh has gotten beyond the period of contemplation and is now actively engaged in laying plans for the collection of data with which to fill the book.

Mr. Burleigh's plan is to give a concise but comprehensive writeup of the history of the county from the earliest date that the white man is known to have come here to the present time, with a brief outline of the future development of the county as it appears to him. The book will contain from 800 to 1000 pages and will carry many illustrations in half-tone of pioneers, buildings of historic interest, and other things having a bearing upon the early settlement and development of the county.

### W. L. Morfitt.

BAKER, Or., July 20.—W. L. Morfitt, 36, died yesterday morning at the home of his son, W. L. Morfitt, in Unity, of bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Morfitt was a pioneer of the old Oregon country. Deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: James Morfitt, Boise; W. L. Morfitt, Unity; Charles Morfitt, Malheur; Mrs. O. Oliver, Ontario; J. L. Morfitt, Portland; Ashton Morfitt, Brownsville, and several sisters and brothers and many grandchildren. Mrs. W. L. Dutton of this city is a grandmother. She left for Unity yesterday.

### LEGION QUITS HOOD CAMP.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 21.—Camp as struck, the members of Hood River post in charge returned to town today and the third annual Mount Hood Legion climb became history. Kent Shoemaker, chairman of the committee, stated that his records showed 355 participants in camp this year. Members of the Oregon Editorial association present numbered 74. The committee declared that the recreational party had already begun arrangements for the climb next year. The committee's records showed that Billy, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hurlburt, of the Oak Grove district, was the youngest climber to reach the summit. His feat sets an age record for Mount Hood. Mrs. Charles Rathbun, 62, was the oldest woman to make the summit.

The French seem able to control everything in the Ruhr except the expense account.

## TOURIST SEASON AT CRATER LAKE HEAVY

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21.—The tourist season at Crater Lake opened this year with a very large increase in tourists who come from California and from all the states in the Union, as well as the provinces in Canada, according to John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who has just returned from an extended trip through Southern Oregon, Northern California, including a visit to Crater Lake National Park in the first 15 days of the season there was an increase of 74 per cent in tourist arrivals, approximately 10,000 visiting the park in that time, compared with 6,999 last year.

### ALBANY, Ore., July 21.—George

Parker was convicted in the circuit court here Thursday on a charge of first degree murder and after waiting the hearing Monday, at which time sentence was to have been passed, was sentenced by Judge Kelly to be hung on August 21, 1923, for killing Sheriff Dunlap. After a continuation of the trial from yesterday afternoon, the case was put into the hands of the jury at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon and at 3:25 the verdict of guilty as accused was returned by the jury with no recommendations for leniency. Judge Kelly then announced that the sentence would be passed Monday morning at 10 o'clock, passing of sentence and Judge Kelly immediately read the death sentence to him.

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### Grain Tests Made.

HILLSBORO, July 21.—County Agent McWhorter reports that within the past ten days tests have been going on on farms in this county to test out wheat and barley. The work is carried on under the Oregon Agricultural college extension service and shows that the following field examinations have been made.

Certification for seed purposes will be issued to Theodore Vanderzanden of Banks and Fred Sewell of Hillsboro for "Bink" wheat. W. N. Hanthorn of Laurel for winter wheat. Robert Warren of Forest Grove for "Hannschen" barley. Another inspection will be made after the grain has been threshed. The above are the first tests made in this county where certification has been passed.



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### CHECK FORGERY ALLEGED

ASTORIA, Or., July 21.—By an information filed in the justice court today, A. M. Ryan is accused of issuing a forged check for \$29.75 drawn on the Astoria National bank and signed with the name of C. H. Matson. The check is alleged to have been cashed by Joe Weinstein.

### DOCK WORKERS END STRIKE

LIVERPOOL, July 21.—The striking dock workers here returned to work Thursday afternoon. The men at Birkenhead are still out, but are expected to return Friday. No delay is considered likely in the sailing of trans-Atlantic liners.  
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