

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, warmer in the west. Increasing fire hazard.

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Forest Ranger Answers Query—"What Is Killing the Trees?"

"FROSTED" TREES ARE GROWING OUT

Young Growth That Turned Brown Last Winter Not Seriously Hurt; Waste Is Biggest Menace.

(By Paul Ellis)

L. S. Forest Ranger COVEY, Ore. (Special)—Most of those pines that look brown from the distance are not dead yet by any means.

So many have asked me "what is killing the trees?" that I have thought of writing an answer for the papers, but thought that it should be written by some one who knew more about it than I.

There are spots here and there where the pine beetle is killing the yellow pine reproduction (commonly called "Bull Pine" and "Jack Pine"). I have been watching these spots pretty closely to see that the beetles do not increase so rapidly as to endanger the trees within the National Forest boundary. All of the live killed trees are on private land, and none of the spots that I have knowledge of are more than 1-4 acre in size. These spots where the trees are killed are near logs that were left in the timber, after cutting green, over a summer, or where some one left unburned brush.

Lives on Dying Bark

The pine beetle lives on the dying inner bark of the tree. A tree that is cut, or killed in some other manner is attacked at once, where they multiply, and if the beetle, or other-dying timber is sufficient to hatch large numbers of beetles, they will attack the healthy trees. A healthy tree will kill the beetle, but if there are enough beetles to cut enough channels around under the bark to girdle the tree, they will kill the tree.

There is also quite a little mistletoe in the yellow pine reproduction. Mistletoe does not kill the tree, but it makes the wood brittle, so that it breaks easily, and weakens the tree so that it cannot resist attacks from the pine beetle.

An Example

Frankly I do not know what caused so many of the young trees to turn brown last winter. The bark, and twigs are all bright, full of pitch, and green. I know that it is not an attack of insects. It is only the needles that have suffered, and only those needles that were exposed to the south west. For example, I found two trees in the open, both healthy trees, or were last year. Both are out five feet high, and green about four feet apart, on an approximately north and south west. The tree on the south west ninety percent of the needles were brown. The tree on the North east was all green. Other trees near above.

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COURT FINES LIQUOR OWNER

John M. Lindsay was fined \$225 and costs this morning by Judge Hugh E. Brady of the justice court on charges of the possession of liquor. Lindsay is a resident of Island City.

Destruction of Racks Averted by Officers

(By Paul Lynch)

The feeling against the installation of the salmon racks in Catherine Creek has risen to such a height that last evening just before 11 o'clock a mob of about 200 persons from La Grande and some from Union and other parts of the valley arrived at the hatchery with the intention of tearing the obstructions in the stream out by force. Many were armed with bars, hammers and tools with which they intended to destroy the framework of boards and timbers which effectively prevent the salmon from making their way to the upper waters of Catherine Creek.

John Walden, county game warden, Irvin French of the Willameta hatchery and George Buckley of

City's Crew No Way To Intake

Second Step Toward Perfecting Water Supply Begun When Party Left La Grande.

Following the sale of the \$250,000 block of La Grande improvement bonds to a Portland company last week, the second step toward the ultimate building of an improved water supply for the city was begun today when a party of seven men, headed by City Manager Crews, left at ten o'clock for the Beaver Creek intake, 24 miles from here.

The party, traveling in trucks, will reach the intake probably late this afternoon. Although there are only 24 miles to travel, the going is difficult most of the way and will require slow progress during the final lap of the trip.

Permanent Camp

The party, including an experienced cook, will establish a camp that will in all likelihood be permanent—at least for the summer. The present plans are to thoroughly investigate the proposition of bringing the waters of Hidden Springs, Beaver Creek and West Beaver Creek into the pipeline, working out a solution to the problem in very detail.

Mr. Crews will return to La Grande in a short time. It is understood that the plans for the sewage disposal plant are now practically complete and that progress on the two other projects, equipping and providing housing for the fire department, and storm sewer construction, is advancing.

New Dairy Company Is Located on Fir Street

The Mount Emily Dairy company, a new concern in the local milk industry, opened its doors yesterday under the management of Verne Bean, associated with Mr. Bean in the enterprise are F. F. Zabel, creamery manager and George Chadwick, ranch superintendent.

The Mount Emily Dairy plant is located on Fir street just back of Carr's Furniture store. It is equipped with the most modern machinery known for the scientific and sanitary preparation and care of dairy products.

Of particular interest is a glassed-in pasteurization machine, powered by electricity, which will make all milk delivered to customers absolutely sanitary without destroying the natural cream content in the milk.

The firm will make a specialty of filling the dairy needs of the homekeeper in a complete service for the residential districts. All dairy products and by-products will be handled, including butter, eggs, cream, milk and cheese.

Interior of Elks' Home Is Being Redecorated

Painters and decorators are at work today on the Elks' club, completely renovating and redecorating the interior of the club rooms. Ever since the club was built it has been a delightful meeting place for the 1200 Elks of the city and to make it more so the refinishing work is being done.

THREE BUILDINGS TO RISE

ST. HELENA, Ore.—The Columbia county fair board has begun work on three buildings at the new fair ground site on the highway, a short distance south of Deer Island.

They are the school building, 20x50 feet; agricultural building, 40x70 feet with 14-foot walls and art building, 20x50 feet.

Concrete foundations have been placed for the stock barn, which will be 60x100 feet and have accommodations for 125 head of cattle.

Roadways will be constructed with the idea of permanency. There are the acres in the fair-ground site. Taxpayers of Columbia county voted a special tax for the purchase.

How Interested Are You?

When you return home from a shopping trip, or come out of your house some morning, and find the porch or lawn littered with hand-bills, how much interest do you have in the message pointed thereon?

Certainly the interest you take in that kind of advertising message is not very valuable. Naturally you expect—and want—to find advertising in your daily newspaper. And that's where you find the message of the careful, efficient business man.

Portland Woman Injured

SALEM, Ore.—Mrs. Leon Jack of Portland suffered sprains and bruises here when an automobile in which she was riding collided with a machine driven by F. Palm of Salem. Mrs. Jack was attended by a Salem physician. She will be able to return home soon.

Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service

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Miss Utah



Selected from among hundreds of girls in Utah, Miss Dorothy Gulliver, Salt Lake City, was chosen as "Miss Utah." Besides winning the title she also wins the chance to go to Hollywood for a six months' movie contract.

G. R. EBERHARD IS REELECTED

The final meeting of the old school board and the first meeting of the new board of directors was held last evening. A vote was canvassed of the school election held here last Monday, after which Colonel I. Eberhard, representing the members of the board, made a few remarks expressing the appreciation of the board for Mr. Russell's services as one of its members. Mr. Russell responded with a short talk wishing that the harmony of the last nine years of this body of educators would continue for many more years, after which he retired from the position and F. A. Epling, who was unanimously elected at the school election as a new member of the board, was sworn in.

Colon I. Eberhard was re-elected as chairman of the board for another year. The motion was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Dr. Landis. H. E. Williams was again chosen school clerk and his bonds were fixed at \$25,000.

No other business came before the meeting last evening, the purpose of the meeting being for organization of the new Board of Education for La Grande schools.

ALICE MOORE ARRIVES HERE

Alice Price Moore, contralto, who will appear here Thursday evening with Victor DePinto, violinist, in a joint concert under the auspices of the Men's Forum of the First Methodist church, arrived in La Grande last night and spent the evening here.

Miss Moore left for Enterprise today where she will stop before the chamber of commerce this evening and appear in recital there tomorrow evening. Thursday she will return to La Grande.

SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSE OF FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Short circuited wires early today started a fire in the Irwin-Hobson printing and engraving plant, causing an estimated loss of \$155,000, which is covered by insurance.

Automobile license plates from several western states, stored in the basement, are believed ruined.

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UNION HIGH ELECTION HELD VOID

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NEW ELECTION IS ONLY STEP LEFT

District Boundary Board Investigated Status of Vote Yesterday in a Meeting Here.

The District Boundary Board, composed of County Judge U. G. Couch, John Wells and W. W. Stevens, county commissioners and E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, met yesterday and declared the recent vote for a union high school in the seven school districts including Imbler, Alice, Sumner-Ville, Willow Creek, Lone Creek, Dry Creek and Pleasant Grove, invalid and illegal.

This action was taken on the recommendation of the district attorney after the board had discovered in an investigation that three of the districts affected had failed to return certified reports of the results of the vote.

The action on the part of the District Boundary Board will necessitate another election, to be called some time in the future.

OREGON TRAIL TRAFFIC HIGH

According to a traffic count taken recently, a large number of cars traveling over the Old Oregon Trail in this section of the state, from fifteen miles west of Pendleton to the Idaho-Oregon line, has increased one hundred and two cars per day since last year. Last year an average of 480 cars traveled over this road in one day and this year the average was 579. The average number of cars traveling over the La Grande-Willameta highway a day is 541 and from Pendleton to the Washington state line 1169 per day.

The largest increase in the number of cars at any one point was found at the west city limits of La Grande. Last year 353 cars were counted here and this year the number increased to 1312. A decrease was shown on the highway near Ontario but this is due to diverted traffic at present because of the oiling operations there.

Five hundred and fifteen cars were counted at a point one mile south of Union and the same number at three and one-half miles east of Enterprise.

A traffic count was taken on every highway in the state.

JUDGE KNOWLES AFFIRMED IN 3 APPEALED CASES

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INSPECTORS IN PENDELTON

PENDELTON, Ore. (Special)—Two Federal inspectors, J. E. Spurlin and L. E. Drew, working under the Federal Bureau of Plants have arrived in Pendleton to open an inspection campaign in Eastern Oregon for the purpose of eradicating the white pine blister rust that is threatening the forests of white and sugar pine in the west. The blister rust, which is deadly to pines of five needled cones, the white and sugar, was undoubtedly imported from Europe about 25 years ago, and is rapidly becoming a real menace to the vast forests of the west.

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SHEPHERD DECLARES INNOCENCE

Sweeping Denial of All Charges Made by the Defendant Today

CHIEF BLOW OF DEFENSE LANDS

Shepherd Firmly States That He "Did Not" Murder William McClintock, "Millionaire Orphan."

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—William Darling Shepherd took the witness stand today in the Shepherd murder trial to strike the chief blow of the defense at charges that he killed young McClintock.

"Did you murder Billy McClintock?" his counsel asked. "I did not," Shepherd replied in a firm voice.

Within three minutes Shepherd's denial of every accusation against him had been formally entered.

The defense rested at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The prosecution's cross examination of Shepherd was brief. Prosecutor Crows took Shepherd over his entire life step by step.

The state did not ask a single question regarding McClintock's illness and Fatman's testimony or the letter Shepherd is alleged to have written to Fatman's Science school.

The court room was surprised when the state concluded. Arguments to the jury were then arranged.

The state's opening argument demanded the death penalty. Mrs. Shepherd burst into tears when the prosecutor said that she had been used in Shepherd's plan to obtain the McClintock fortune.

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Bill-Posting An Art!



Lucky of tree! In Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif., everything is an art—even bill-posting. The folk of the art colony were a bit aghast when fair maidens appeared in scant Greek attire and proceeded to "nail 'em up," but the marshal says, "It's only a question of gauge and effect—why stop them?" So you see Ruth Whitcomb and "Connie" Herbert advertising a bit of their Greek drama.

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FRENCH TO EVACUATE RUHR SOON

Official Announcement Is Made in Paris Following Meeting

HERRIOT PROMISES TO BE FULFILLED

Painleve Government Expects to Free Essen and Ruhr by August 15th to Certain Line.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—It was officially announced today that French operations for the evacuation of the Ruhr would begin within a short time.

The announcement was made after the council of ministers approved measures taken by the Painleve government for the execution of France's engagement concerning the Ruhr evacuation. It was explained later that this means the evacuation of Essen, and the fulfillment by Painleve of engagements of the previous Herriot government to evacuate the Ruhr by August 15th to the line of Oberhausen, Mauthelm and Retz.

DOUBTS DAWES PLAN

BRUSSELS (By the Associated Press)—Germany may pay her reparations obligations only through a lowered standard of living, longer working hours and greater production per hour, Sir Josiah Stamp, British economist, co-author of the Dawes plan, told the international chamber of commerce today. He expressed grave doubts of the continued success of the Dawes plan.

The chief difficulties, he said, were labor problems involved in the production of goods for reparations and ruthless competition on the part of the importing of goods into receiving countries without exports to offset them.

COOLIDGE TO URGE TAX CUT

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