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170 LOSE LIVES IN FLAMES AT FERNIE

FOREST FIRE WIPES OUT BRITISH COLUMBIA TOWNS

ESTIMATED LOSS FOR ENTIRE BURNED AREA IS OVER \$25,000,000

Supplies Are Being Rushed from Spokane and Canadian Points--Great Response to Request for Assistance--Lumber Towns Cut Off--Inhabitants Perish.

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 3.—A special to the World from Fernie says that various estimates are given of the loss of life in the awful disaster in the Crow's nest pass. Thomas Biggs, secretary of the Fernie Miners' union, places the fatalities at 170 and the property loss at \$25,000,000. The towns of Hosmer and Michel, for which great anxiety was felt Sunday, are saved. In Hosmer buildings were dynamited to stop the flames. The Elk company's lumber camp, No. 2, situated about five miles from Fernie, was surrounded by fire and all roads of escape were cut off. Sixty men and four women were in the camp. They have undoubtedly burned to death. Not a single person escaped.

Food for Sufferers. In Fernie the Western Canadian Wholesale House, occupying the concrete building which was saved from the flames, has stored within its walls some \$60,000 worth of groceries and provisions, which proved to be a great blessing to the community, and the wholesale house has been transformed into a retail grocery store and groceries are being delivered to all parties who are entitled to them. Hundreds are sleeping in the open, without blankets or covering of any sort. Relief committees have been organized and food is being supplied to all.

Flames Still Roaring. WINNIPEG, Man., August 3.—Reports received over railroad wires from points nearest the great Crow's Nest valley fire today indicate that the flames are still roaring over the country, and the extent of damage will probably be greater than was expected. It is estimated here that the full amount of the loss in the whole burned area will be about \$25,000,000. The loss of life is variously estimated from 400 to 740. The suffering and destitution is horrible. Hundreds are without food or shelter and many are said to have been cut off from points of aid.

Plans for Relief. Acting Mayor Harvey called a meeting of the board of control this morning, and already plans for relief are being made and subscriptions are rolling in. Reports from all the cities in this section say that relief funds are being raised and that subscriptions are coming in rapidly. The country was thickly settled by campers and lumbermen, with their wives and families. These people, living in outlying sections, were cut off by the swift moving wall of fire, and there is practically no hope that they survived.

NELSON, B. C., August 3.—A thousand refugees, the overflow from Cranbrook, arrived here this morning. Most of them are destitute and although supplies are being rushed into the stricken country from every available point, there is great difficulty in getting provisions within the zone destroyed by the fire. All large Canadian cities have wired money, but provisions, not cash, is what is most urgently needed.

Special Car With Food. SPOKANE, Wash., August 3.—Quick relief in the form of bread, butter and other provisions and clothing is being given the destitute people of Fernie. A special car of supplies sent yesterday from Spokane was followed today by a shipment of 3000 loaves of bread. The mayor and members of the chamber of commerce have instantly re-

PROHIS' CASE IS SET FOR NEXT OCTOBER

Attorney Golvig Is Back From Salem--Hear Case in October Term

The hearing of the appeal from the opinion of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna in the matter of J. C. Hall vs. George W. Dunn et al., a petition for an injunction to enjoin the county court from declaring prohibition within the corporate limits of the city of Medford, has been set on the calendar of the supreme court for October 7, according to Attorney Golvig, who returned Sunday from Salem, where he went in the interests of the Anti-Saloon League. Attorney Golvig states that it was impossible to have the hearing put on the calendar for the present session of the court, as much business is ahead of it. Then Attorney R. G. Smith for the petitioner has 20 days as yet to file his brief in the matter. The hearing of this appeal will be one of the first matters to have the attention of the supreme court when it convenes for the October term. It has been placed for October 7, ahead of many civil cases, where the interest is not so great.

BRYAN CAMPAIGN OPENS WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM

PORTLAND, Or., August 3.—Enthusiasm prevailed throughout the Bryan and Kern ratification meeting at the Baker theater Saturday night. Not the enthusiasm of the ephemeral kind, but enthusiasm that showed the deep-rooted sentiment of the speakers and crowd in the issues that are at stake in the coming campaign. At no time did the large crowd that filled nearly every seat in the theater show signs of impatience or a desire to leave before they had heard the last speaker elucidate the principles that both parties have embodied in their platforms. There was cheering and hand-clapping, but far more impressive than either of these was the conviction expressed and felt by those attending the meeting. Bryan's name was cheered, the speakers were cheered, but the most cheering was heard when Senator John M. Gairin scathingly denounced the policy of delay and evasion of the republican party in the last 12 years, the assimilation of democratic doctrines and its punitive efforts in compel a corporation congress to enact laws in the interests of the people which the administration had stolen from the democrats.

Braden Mine Closed.

The Braden mine, near Gold Hill, being operated by J. W. Opp, closed down for an indefinite period Tuesday. This mine has been operated for the past 20 years and has always been a good investment for the owners, and the reason for closing down is not known.—Gold Hill News.

MARRIED.

VAUGHN, WISEMAN.—In Central Point on July 29, by Rev. R. A. Bristol, Frank Vaughn and Ethel May Wiseman.

Probate.

Estate of D. Palk Mathews, order made continuing hearing on petition to sell real property.

Arthur Brown and E. C. Crater fished near Woodville Sunday.

Gold Hill won a base ball game from Medford Sunday by a score of 5 to 4. The game was played at Gold Hill. George Neale, who has a patch near Central Point, says that the hot weather is injuring the melons very little. He will have some in market soon.

IS THERE A LAND OFFICE AGENT HERE?

Commissioner Bliton Says He Does Not Know If He Is in Office at the Present Time or Not

Has Medford a United States land commissioner? A. S. Bliton stated this morning that he does not know. He stated, however, that his resignation had been tendered to take effect immediately. It is reported on good authority that it has been accepted. In the meantime Mr. Bliton continues to hold down the desk. For some time it has been known that Commissioner Bliton has been thinking of resigning. This morning he was asked: "Has your resignation been accepted?" "I am sure I do not know whether I am United States land commissioner or not at the present time." "Then your resignation has been tendered?" "Yes, to take effect immediately or as soon as my successor has been named." "Who is to be your successor?" "I do not know."

FRISCO TO MEDFORD THREE DAYS BY AUTO

A. C. Allen and family have returned from an automobile excursion to San Francisco and return. Colonel L. C. Allen, father of Mr. Allen, who has just retired from the army, and L. C. Allen, Jr., brother of A. C. Allen, returned with the latter for a visit to Medford. Mr. Allen made the trip from San Francisco in three and a half days without trying to hurry. Very hot weather was encountered in the Sacramento valley, where the thermometer registered 114 in the shade. At Red Bluff it stood 108 degrees in the hotel all night, so that the comparatively cool weather of Medford is proving a refreshing change.

TANGLEFOOT AND PLAGUE FOR GRASSHOPPERS

Hon. B. G. Smith of Grants Pass has a novel way of dealing with the grass hopper plague, which is worse in southern Oregon this season than for many years. He asserts that grasshoppers climb up the tree and advises all orchardists to secure some of the sticky tanglefoot preparation which makes such fine flypaper, and paint the bark of the tree so that the hoppers will stick fast and cannot get past the prepared strip. In addition, a most effective treatment, states Mr. Smith, is that provided by the department of agriculture, which on demand sends out a deadly bacterium that produces a contagious fatal disease among the pests. It is only necessary to dip a few hoppers in an affected solution, and they will spread the disease among their relatives and the plague spreads among them and works an effective extermination.

STABILITY OF BANKS IN OLD JACKSONVILLE

Considering the fact that this is the quietest month of the year in the banking business our banks have more than held their own with deposits. G. I. Davis of the Bank of Jacksonville said that on the date of making the bank statement the deposits were smaller than they have ever been before. The next day the deposits jumped from \$11,000 to \$44,000. If the showing in the next six months equals that of the past six months which is quite probable our financial institutions will show an increase equal to that of any bank in the state. The Beckman Banking house one of the oldest in the state, publishes its first statement under the new in this issue of the Post. The stability of our banks is not questioned in the least, and are conducted along conservative and business lines.

FIVE CONTRACTORS HERE TO BID UPON PIPELINE

DESTRUCTION AND DEATH IN CLOUDBURST

An Electric Storm Breaks Over Nevada-Five Lose Lives in Deluge

RENO, Nev., August 3.—A terrific electric storm that broke over Washoe county last night has left death and destruction in its wake, and efforts are being made to communicate with several portions of the country which have been cut off from all communication with Reno. The exact damage is not ascertainable here, but it is known that at least five people were killed. Several more are reported missing. In Dog valley the water came down in a torrent. A cloudburst let the rain down from the heavens as though it had been poured through a slit in the clouds. Miss Etta Pixley, a daughter of Tom Pixley, owner of a big logging camp in Dog valley, was killed almost instantly by the rush of the waters. Her body was found at the bottom of a gulch. With her was a young lady whose name has not yet been learned. Her body was picked up a few feet from Miss Pixley's body. Miss Pixley was a school teacher and was returning from school when the flood overtook her and her companion. A white man employed at the camp and two Chinese cooks were swept away by the flood and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

TWELVE MILES OF SURVEY FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY LINE

Engineer Collins, in charge of the proposed new electric line to the Illinois valley, has been about as busy this week as a humbebee in red clover. By the use of an automobile and a party of surveyors he finished the preliminary surveys as far as Wilderville about the middle of the week and is now well along with the work of running levels. He is about as optimistic as he is active and assures us that actual work will be begun upon its construction in September, says the Pacific Outlook. We are mindful of the fact that numerous railroad projects have boomed up on our horizon in the past, and all have evaporated while in the preliminary stages. In case of the late lamented Medford & Crater Lake road a stretch of the line was actually laid before it was abandoned. All of these events tend to make the public anything but sanguine over any new project. But in the present instance it will be noted that Mr. Collins has not sprung any stock jobbing scheme. He asks nothing from the city or county, but assures us that the syndicate to be organized will have ample capital to carry the project through to completion. Let us indulge in hope once more.

Girl Bitten by Dog.

George Noble of Sams Valley brought his little daughter Georgia to the Gold Hill hospital Wednesday afternoon of this week to have a wound on her face treated antiseptically. Mrs. M. M. Tice was bitten by a savage dog, but it is hoped the dog was not mad. The wound was inflicted on the left cheek and is very painful.—News.

Jacksonville's Building Boom.

Jacksonville is on the verge of a building boom, which promises to be of no small proportions. Mrs. M. M. Tice has started on her new residence. About four new residences will go up on Langdon's addition to the city this summer. Stella Levy has just finished a nice residence near the courthouse. Post. E. A. Hicks, Charles Carney and R. J. Calder left Sunday for a week's outing on Elk creek.

HARRIMAN ON HIS WAY TO OREGON

Guarded With Secrecy the Magnate and Party Proceeding to Pelican Bay--

CHICAGO, August 3.—Guarded with the utmost secrecy the Harriman special is lying today at Evanston. Officials of the Harriman and Gould lines have been given orders not to give out any information as to the movements of the special train which bears the great railroad magnate and his party. Edward H. Harriman remained in the train all night, so as to avoid interviews. He was driven to the general headquarters of the Harriman lines this morning and held a long conference with Traffic Manager J. C. Stubbs and Julius Kruttschnitt, superintendent of maintenance for all the Harriman roads. Nothing could be learned of the outcome of the conference today. "This is not a business trip," said Harriman, "but a vacation. I going to my ranch in Oregon and along the Pacific, where I have large interests." This is all the railway magnate would say.

YOUNG WOMAN WANDERS ABOUT GRANTS PASS

Grants Pass has been much worked up by the strange disappearance of a 20-year-old girl on Saturday morning, who was registered at the Western hotel. The young lady was found this morning coming back to the city of her own volition after searching parties had been in the hills looking for her for hours. The young woman is said to have become mentally unbalanced. On last Friday Miss Anna Hanset left her home on Deer creek to visit her sister in Portland. She arrived in Grants Pass Saturday and registered at the Western hotel. She hysterically disappeared late Saturday afternoon, leaving her trunk and a purse containing \$64 in her room. Parties at once began to search for her, and on Sunday morning her father, Jacob Hansett, was summoned to join in the search. All night Saturday, all day Sunday and Sunday night the search was continued without avail, and this morning, just as preparation were being made to drag the river, Miss Hansett appeared on the scene. She was lost in the hills in the neighborhood of Jerome prairie. Her father has her in charge at the present time.

COSS ARRESTED ON A STATUTORY CHARGE

H. M. Coss was arrested on last Saturday evening on a statutory charge. He was taken to Jacksonville, where the complaint was filed in the justice court, and later released on a \$500 bond, which was prepared and arranged for by Mrs. Coss. Preliminary hearing is being held this afternoon in Jacksonville. The complainant is Clara Staggs, a 14-year-old girl, formerly employed as a domestic in the Coss family.

Horticultural Society Meets.

The Rogue River Horticultural society met on Saturday afternoon at the rooms of the Commercial club, but did not do a great deal in the way of business, as many of the members were out of the city. A small amount of routine business was disposed of and a few minor discussions were held. D. G. Karnes left for Coletstin Monday to join his family. J. A. Whitman and Francis Fitch passed through Medford Sunday.

COMMITTEE MAKES VISIT TO APPLGATE

Inspect Source of Supply in Latest Proposal--Contractors Ascertain Cost

There are in the city at the present time five contractors who are already at work figuring on the specifications prepared by Engineer Roberts for the pipeline for a gravity water supply from the fork of Little Butte creek or Wasson canyon. These contractors have come from various parts of the Pacific coast and more are expected and are arriving by every train. At the present time Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tacoma, Portland and Seattle are represented. The specifications were completed yesterday and this morning the contractors took them and began going over the ground to be crossed by the line in order to have their bids ready to submit to the water committee on next Thursday evening. The bids may be tendered until 6 p. m. August 6.

Inspect Applegate Water.

The water committee, together with their engineer, visited the Applegate country Sunday in order to look over the proposition made to the council by Fred J. Blakeley, returning to this city Sunday evening. In regard to the proposition Chief Engineer Roberts said: "The water offered for sale by Fred J. Blakeley comes from the east fork of the Little Applegate. The carrying capacity of the ditch is about 4000 miners' inches, although the flumes will carry slightly less. The ditch is about 24 miles in length from intake to reservoir at the Sterling mine.

One of the tentative propositions made to the water committee was to construct a tunnel about one mile in length to reduce the length of the ditch by about 12 miles, and increase the elevation at the mine about 200 feet. "From the Sterling mine to Medford it is thought the distance by pipeline would be about nine and one-half miles, involving a short tunnel about three-eighths of a mile in length. Detailed Survey Needed. "Some of the physical difficulties to be encountered in this direction are so uncertain as to require a detailed survey to ascertain the relative merits of the case. "The construction of a tunnel one mile in length would probably require a year's time. "The comparative cost of a system supplied from the Sterling Mining company's rights, would probably be about the same as from the Slinger ranch. The committee has not as yet taken definite action."

BRYAN BECOMES MEMBER OF TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

LINCOLN, Neb., August 3.—William J. Bryan is a member of the Lincoln typographical union, having today been voted an honorary member by the printers here yesterday. There was some opposition when Bryan's name was suggested on the ground that his adoption by the union might be construed as a political move. T. E. Pottenger, with a party of ten, are camped at the Indian Springs. Mrs. W. E. Johnson has returned from a visit of some months in Seattle. She is much improved in health. John Rogers, noted throughout the west as a builder of railroads, and who was Corbin's right hand man in building the Spokane-International railroad, is in this city and has decided to remain. Mr. Rogers has for some time been looking for a suitable location for a home. He has retired from active engineering work.