

FORMER GREAT FOREST FIRES

History of the Destructive Forest Fires in United States—This Year Worst

The terrible work of the flames which have burned over and destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of timber and property to the value of millions in the lake states recalls to memory other great forest fires which have afflicted historic imperissae.

One of the earliest of these was the great Miramichi fire of 1826. It began its greatest destruction about 1 o'clock in the afternoon of October 7 of that year at a place about 60 miles above the town of Newcastle on the Miramichi river, in New Brunswick. Before 10 o'clock at night it was 20 miles below Newcastle. In nine hours it had destroyed a belt of forest 30 miles long and 25 miles wide. Over more than three and one-half millions acres, almost every living thing was killed. Even the fish were afterwards found dead in heaps on the river banks. Five hundred and ninety buildings were burned, and a number of towns, including Newcastle, Chatham and Douglas town, were destroyed. One hundred and sixty persons perished, and nearly 1000 head of stock. The loss from the Miramichi fire is estimated at \$200,000, not including the value of the timber.

In the majority of such forest fires as this the destruction of the timber is a more serious loss, by far, than that of the cattle and buildings, for it carries with it the impoverishment of a whole region for tens or even hundreds of years afterwards. The loss of the stumpage value of the timber at the time of the fire is but a small part of the damage to the neighborhood. The wages that would have been earned in lumbering, added to the value of the produce that would have been purchased to supply the lumber camps, and the taxes that would have been devoted to roads and other public improvements, furnish a much truer measure of how much, sooner or later, it costs a region when its forests are destroyed by fire.

The Peshtigo Fire.
The Peshtigo fire of October, 1871, was still more severe than the Miramichi. It covered an area of more than 2000 square miles in Wisconsin, and involved a loss in timber and other property of many millions of dollars. Between 1200 and 1500 persons perished, including nearly half the population of Peshtigo, at that time a town of 2000 inhabitants. Other fires of about the same time were most destructive in Michigan and Salween's peninsula in Michigan. A strip about 40 miles wide and 180 miles long, extending across the central part of the state, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, was devastated. The estimated loss in timber was about 4,000,000,000 feet in board measure, and in money over \$10,000,000. Several hundred persons perished.

In the early part of September, 1881, great fires covered more than 1800 square miles in various parts of Michigan. The estimated loss in property, in addition to many hundred thousand acres of valuable timber, was more than \$2,800,000. Over 5000 persons were made destitute, and the number of lives lost is variously estimated at from 150 to 200.

Destructive Fire.
The most destructive fire of more recent years was that which started near Hinsley, Minn., September 1, 1894. While the area burned over was less than in some other great fires, the loss of life and property was very heavy. Hinsley and six other towns were destroyed, about 500 lives were lost, more than 3000 persons were left destitute and the estimated loss in property of various kinds was \$25,000,000. Except for the heroic conduct of locomotive engineers and other railroad men the loss of life would have been much greater.

This fire was all the more deplorable because it was wholly unnecessary. For many days before the high wind came and drove it into uncontrollable fury, it was burning slowly close to the town of Hinsley, and could have been put out.

POLICE OFFICERS ROUTE BAND OF COUNTERFEITERS

SHAPLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—As special police officers were surrounding preparatory to making a descent upon an old cabin last night on the tide flats, and supposed to be occupied by counterfeiters, flames suddenly burst forth from the shack and destroyed the building and contents. No one came out, but when the officers were watching the blaze George Pearson, known as a suspicious character and whose picture adorns the rogue's gallery, appeared and was arrested. Several metal bars were found on his person when he was searched at police headquarters.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

E. N. Boyden to Ida E. Trorr, lot 12, block 40, Medford \$ 50
Perry Knott to J. L. Williams, lot 6, section 27, township 36, range 3 W 1400
Abel D. Helman to Milton Berry, et al, lot 1, block 25, Ashland 1
J. J. Bates to Thomas J. Williams, et al, land in township 37, range 2 W 7000

New Cases.
E. V. Carter vs Jackson county, appeal from county court. V. M. Galties, attorney for plaintiff.

FUND SET APART FOR TULE LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 25.—The Interior Department has appropriated the money to be used next year in the further construction of the Klamath reclamation project, and as a part of the appropriation, is a sum for careful investigation of the mysterious underground outlet to Tule Lake, that has aroused such great interest among the people of that section.

No official announcement of the appropriation has been made, but members of the Water Users association, who have been in conference with Supervising Engineers D. C. Henry and E. G. Hopson, make public the intention of the Government to find out whether enlarging the present opening down which the water is now rushing will aid in the draining of Tule Lake, which is part of the plan of the Klamath project.

The old emigrant road which skirted the lake years ago, is now far out into the water, indicating a raising of the water, supposed to be caused by the closing of an underground outlet, and it is the firm belief of many old settlers that if this opening could be cleared, many acres surrounding the lake would be reclaimed, and in time the whole lake could be drained.

INDIAN IS HELD WITHOUT BONDS

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 26.—William Barclay, the half-breed Indian, charged with the murder of S. J. O. Jacobs of Alturas, on the Klamath Indian reservation, August 26, was brought from Alturas to the state line by the sheriff of Modoc county and turned over to United States Marshal W. B. Griffiths, who came here from Portland to receive the prisoner.

Barclay was brought before United States Commissioner Alex. Martin, Jr., for preliminary hearing. He waived examination and was committed to the custody of the Marshal without bail, to appear before the Federal grand jury at Portland.

Many Indians were in town, on account of the case, among them "Little John," Barclay's old uncle, who knew of the crime and confessed, resulting in the finding of the body of Jacobs. He will be called to Portland later as the principal witness.

It is stated here that Jacobs, the murdered man, came to the reservation to buy cattle, but was really engaged in liquor traffic with the Indians. This will appear in the trial.

ONE MAN DEAD SECOND MAY DIE

MONTAGUE, Sept. 25.—A sad accident resulting in the death of one and probably of two men, occurred Monday at Kegg, near Mount Hebron, on the California Northwestern Railroad, which connects at Weed and runs to Calor, just across the Oregon line.

The railroad company's employe, under Foreman A. D. Smith, were blasting a well, and upon putting a charge of giant powder and it falling to explode one of the men went to the bottom to ascertain the cause, where the action of the fumes overpowered him. Another man went down and met the same fate. The foreman then went down and was drawn up insensible.

By this time the poisonous gas was exhausted and the men were brought up. One died yesterday morning at the Weed hospital. Foreman A. D. Smith is in a serious condition. The name of the dead man is unknown at the hospital. The third man recovered before reaching the hospital.

NEW POWER LINE IS PLACED IN OPERATION

KENNETT, Cal., Sept. 25.—The new power line of the Northern California Power company, directly from the Volta power plant to Kennett, a distance of forty miles, is in full operation today, the current being turned on for the first time yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

MICHIGAN LUMBERMEN INVEST IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 25.—W. E. White, a millionaire sawmill owner of Boyne City, Mich., head of the firm of White Brothers, announced today that on behalf of that company and Chicago capitalists he had just completed the investment of \$2,000,000 in timber property owned Vancouver Island. One tract purchased is estimated to contain 3,000,000,000 feet of timber. For this, approximately \$1,500,000 was paid by the easterners. It is the intention of the owners of the timber, according to the statement of Mr. White, to erect a sawmill as large as any in the world.

LOCAL MARKET.

The following quotations are an impartial report of the prices paid by Medford dealers:

Wheat—85c per bushel.
Flour—\$2.75 per cwt.
Whole barley—\$23 per ton.
Hay—\$12 per ton.
Alfalfa—\$20 per ton.
New potatoes—\$1.25 per cwt.
Butter—40c per roll.
Lard—10c per pound.
Beans—5c per pound.
Eggs—23 1/2c per dozen.
Sugar—\$6.50 per cwt.
Turkeys—13c per pound.
Hams—12c per pound.
Shoulders—10c per pound.
Hogs—4 1/2c to 5c per pound.
Cattle—2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per pound.

BEAT MAN UP FOR OWING HIM MONEY

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Sept. 25.—A fruit picker named Fred Cairn was found on the south bank of the Yuba river yesterday evening in a badly beaten and unconscious condition from the effects of a flogging he received at the hands of a fellow workman named Ed Smith. There is a difference of opinion as to whether Cairn deserved the treatment he received at the hands of Smith.

It appears that Cairn borrowed \$7 from Smith while they were employed on the George Wapple place in Sutter county. Yesterday was payday, and when Cairn sought to collect his wages Wapple informed him that he had promised Smith he would hold out the \$7. Cairn told Wapple that they had adjusted that matter between themselves and Wapple then paid him in full.

On learning of the deception played by Cairn, Smith hunted him up and gave him the beating. They first met on the Marysville side of the river and fought round one. Cairn still refusing to produce the money. At the latter's suggestion they crossed the river, and there Cairn was reduced to insensibility, Smith then getting the \$7 with ease.

Prepaid Railroad Orders.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be forwarded at the same time."

Reduced Rates to Livestock Show.
The Pacific National Fair and Livestock show will be held in Portland September 21st to September 26th. Round trip tickets will be sold at a fare and a third for this event, tickets being on sale September 21, good to return until September 27. Further particulars at the depot.

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