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BIG TIMBER FIRE IN SILVER FALLS CAMPS

A large amount of timber, camp buildings, bridges and logging equipment belonging to the Silver Creek Falls Timber Company, southeast of Silverton, was destroyed by fire the first of the week.

The fire is supposed to have been started by one of the men throwing a lighted match on the ground after having lighted a fuse in blowing stumps, at camp No. 2.

The fire destroyed the camps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and also camp No. 9. There is not a building left in these camps. The logging equipment was also destroyed. Ten bridges were consumed by the flames and as a consequence three logging locomotives are laying idle.

The main line of the company from Silverton was not damaged.

The large mill at Silverton was immediately closed down and every available man was sent to the woods, to fight the fire. It is estimated that there were 800 men sent out. The fire was said to be under control Tuesday but that there was a large amount of green timber that was in danger. The wages paid the men is \$5 a day for eight hours work in fighting fire.

This has been the best season the Silver Falls Company has had and they have been running two shifts for some time.

The destroying of the camps will stop operations at the mill for some little time.

AFTERNOON TEA

Mrs. J. P. Wilbur was hostess at an afternoon tea Saturday afternoon, at her residence "Wildwood," honoring her mother Mrs. H. H. Kirk, of Halsey, and her aunt, Mrs. I. N. Van Winkle of Salem.

There were present about 25 guests, among whom was Rev. Dr. Ford, of Salem.

Several of the guests being pioneers gave some very interesting talks pertaining to their early experiences in crossing the planes in early days. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in conversation and musical selections until 5 o'clock when a dainty lunch was served of ice cream, tea and cakes when a lawn group was arranged for the guests to have their pictures taken.

The guests dispersed at 6 in the evening with pleasant memories of a delightful afternoon.

Those present besides the Rev. Dr. Ford were: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Ford, Mesdames Cain, Elder, Luthy, Missler, J. Gardner, Cox, W. Follis, Follis, Geo. Brown, C. H. Brewer, Beadle, Hobson, Chance, Adah Pearl, H. H. Kirk, I. N. Van Winkle, Miss Elizabeth Chance, Miss Anna Heit, Mr. J. P. Wilbur.

Lauren Wilson returned last Saturday from the east where she just left the U. S. S. Fulton, one of Uncle Sam's fighting boats that he has been on for the past 14 months. He made several trips across the water. He has been a married man for the past two years which was a surprise to his many friends here, and he is also a father. The 11 months old daughter is which Mrs. Wilson in Connecticut, where Lauren will return about the 15th of September.

LINN COUNTY SPORTSMEN WOULD CLOSE SEASON

The sportsmen of Linn county have petitioned the State Game Commission to close the season on Chinese Pheasants this year on account that there are not many of the pretty birds in that neck o' the woods this year.

Under the new law a hunter can kill three hens out of every ten birds and they say that with a small crop of pheasants, it will greatly reduce the supply of birds in the county.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MR. AND MRS. RUBLE

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ruble were agreeably surprised on Friday evening last, by a jolly crowd of their intimate friends. The self invited guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keech and marched in a body to the Ruble home to tender the family a farewell reception, prior to their departure for their new home. Needless to say a pleasant time was the outcome.

Mr. Keech brought up the rear of the procession with his auto loaded with ice cream and cake, previously prepared by the ladies.

The hour was late when the guests departed after wishing God speed to the honor guests and assuring them of the high esteem in which they are held by their immediate neighbors.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keech, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Handle, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bodman and children, Mrs. Silhavy and son Urioh, Mrs. Lee Tate and son Lee, Mrs. James Kane, Mr. John Luly, the Misses Ella and Lois Williams, Mary Luly, Alma Nendel, Greta Ruble and host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ruble.

WASHINGTON WEDDING BELLS ARE BUSY



The last joyous shouts celebrating peace were drowned in the merry peal of wedding bells at Washington and the chimes have been growing in volume ever since. These three beauties are of the exclusive capital set, two of them brides-to-be and the third a debutante. Upper is Miss Mary Francis Littell, daughter of Brig-Gen. Littell, who is to wed Commander George F. Bryan; center is Miss Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Congressman Campbell of Kansas, who is to wed Captain B. S. Wright of Kentucky; and below, Miss Elizabeth Dubois, daughter of Senator Dubois, who has just finished school and is to have her coming out party this season.

Railroad Men Tell Of A Pleasant Trip To Surveying Camp

Tuesday Aug. 12th M. Lynott, Supt. of Construction and Mr. Huson, Chief Engineer of the line, desiring to inspect camps across the mountains centered their choice of drivers on the Stayton Hotel Prop., Mr. Frank Lesley, with his steady Dodge, which has the reputation of always getting home. So on the 12th of August at 8 o'clock, with the best wishes of the hotel family we started on the trip.

We crossed North Santiam river through the junction of Shelbourne on across the South Santiam and into the flourishing little city of Lebrnon where a short stop was made for gas. Mr. Lesley having lived in the vicinity of Lebanon 16 years ago could give many interesting incidents relating to the many improvements of the country since he left there. We found good roads and soon reached the place whose name is spoken of with reverence by everyone who has a place of their own, "Sweet Home." Here we found a large sign "Welcome."

From Sweet Home we came to the village of Foster then on into the hills where we found the roads fair. We next reached the famous mineral springs of Cascadia where the party stopped for dinner. Landlord Giesendorfer's table was well supplied and after enjoying a good meal and drinking heartily of the sparkling soda, lingering looks were cast at the beautiful camp grounds. The railroad men who were planning on putting Stayton on the map had no time to waste on beautiful recreation spots, so journeyed on.

After a few hours of up-hill climbing we reached the 7 mile hill where the grade in places is from 25 to 30 per cent, and is a hard climb for a car. The Stayton Hotel man said his Dodge would go up as he once had a Ford that he could drive up a telephone pole. We believed him and up he went. We at last reached the summit, taking 1 hour and 10 minutes for the climb.

Through Tombstone and Lost Prairie we arrived at Fish Lake at 6 o'clock in the evening, making 85 miles the first day. Here Mr. Jackson, Supt. of the two engineers camps was at the lake to meet Mr. Lynott and his party. Mr. Klumand, and old friend of Mr. Lesley is forest ranger and stationed at the lake. Here we dined on bear steak and were made comfortable for the night.

We left Fish Lake the next morning at 8 o'clock we made a seven mile drive to the top of Sand mountain where we found the hardest pull of the entire trip, but 9:45 found us all safe "on top." From there to camp

J. B. Grier and his brother Wm. had a little rough experience on the bridge Wednesday morning. In some way or other while they were taking the wood saw across the river the truck caught a board on the side of the bridge, turning the rig around and throwing Wm. out onto the bridge. His knee struck a nail and inflicted such a bad wound that medical aid was necessary. Dr. Brewer attended him.

No. 1, which is located on Cash Creek 101 miles from Stayton there is a gradual decline. Twenty men are at work there and things are sure looking like business. From there we journeyed to Sisters, which is a thriving little town of about 300 inhabitants. Irrigation is used there and the gardens were looking good.

Leaving Sisters on the return trip, we stayed over night at railroad camp No. 1 at Cash Creek where we found the men exceptionally well cared for, with every thing to eat that money could buy and well prepared.

At 8 a. m., August 14th, we drove about seven miles to where Mr. Lynott and Mr. Huston inspected Hog Pass on the old Oregon Pacific grade, where several thousand yards of rock has been moved for the right-of-way—leaving it so it will require only a small amount of work to place it in good condition for the steel. A 400 foot tunnel will be required here.

After this work was finished we returned to Fish Lake for dinner then started for the Big Meadows camp where Mr. Williams is in charge of 17 men. We then drove the the car into Lava Lake two miles where the car was left and both Mr. Lynott and Mr. Huson boarded the hurrican deck of two cayuse ponies and Mr. Lesley and Mr. Jackson took "shanks ponies" for 8 miles over a mountain trail where we arrived at camp at 4:15. Mr. Lynott poses as a railroad man but must have his eye on some of the Pendleton Round-Up belts as he is some rider, as the fact was demonstrated when his horse began to "loop the loop" and do the "head and tail spin." Not knowing what the matter was Mike stayed with the blamed cayuse and after a little time both Mike and the chief engineer discovered that the horses had stirred up a yellow jackets nest. Mike says the stunts his horse went through would put any of the prize winners at the round-up in the shade but he stayed with it. Some inconvenience was experienced at this camp when it was found that the d--d cayuses had got away and had gone back to Fish Lake leaving Mr. Lynott and Mr. Huson with a saddle apiece and no pony.

At Cascadia, on the way back, we met Judge Wolverton, of the Federal Court, of Portland and L. E. Blane, of Albany, who were very enthusiastic over the prospect of the new road.

Saturday, August 16, we left Fish Lake at 10:30 a. m. and arrived at Stayton at 7 o'clock in the evening having covered in all 243 miles with 15 miles detour.

Sunday is Rally Day At Mt. Pleasant

Sunday, August 24, will be rally day at Mt. Pleasant. In the morning Rev. J. E. Blair will speak and in the afternoon Dr. W. P. White will speak at 3 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and bring full baskets, and the joy of eating together. W. V. McGee, Partor

INVENTIVE GENIUS HAS STARTER FOR FORD CAR

Fred Jones, of Scio, was here for an over Sunday visit with relatives and friends. While here he told some of his friends that he had thought up what he thought was just the right thing in the way of a self-starter for the "blamed Ford." He says it will work if "you can get the people to put them on their cars." We did not learn whether Fred had one for demonstration or not but presume he has. Anyway, we learn that the starter will work according to Fred.

SPOKANE TIMBER MAN VISITS MAIL EDITOR

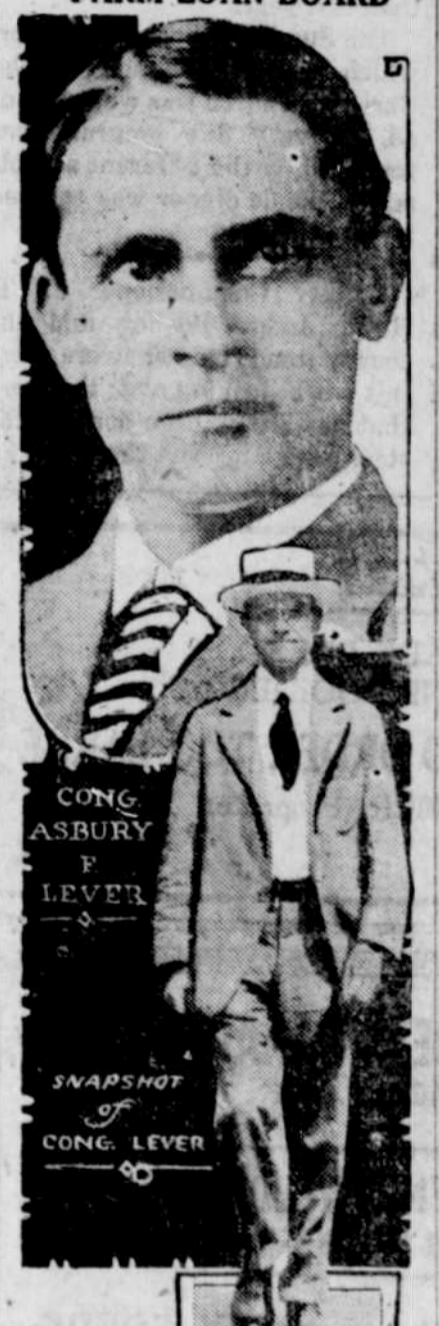
H. L. Hutchinson, timber cruiser, with headquarters in Spokane, was here for a short time Tuesday on his way to Mill City to look over some timber in that territory.

Mr. Hutchinson said: "I understand that Stayton is going to have a railroad—we heard that over at Spokane some time ago. I also know that you have some of the best timber in this section that there is on God's green earth, but the only way some of it can be marketed is by rail. When the road is built your town will have begun to live. I am surprised to see a town the size of Stayton with all her water power, timber and farming resources without a railroad."

Mr. Hutchinson and ye editor were homesteaders together in Washington some years ago.

Mrs. Ralph Wilson and family were Mehana visitors Saturday.

NEW MEMBER OF U. S. FARM LOAN BOARD



Most of Asbury F. Lever's 15 years in congress as representative from South Carolina have been spent in dealing with problems along agricultural lines. For the last six years he has been chairman of the House committee on agriculture. He has now resigned to become a member of the Farm Loan Board. Both Republicans and Democrats paid him tribute at his leaving the House.

JUDGE GRIER MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT

While doing some repairing at the city pumping plant last Sunday, Recorder Grier, in some manner missed his footing and fell about fourteen feet, striking his head on the water wheel. He was alone at the time and it is not known just how long he remained in the water, as he was somewhat dazed when found.

Mr. Mielke happened to stroll down to the plant and found the Judge. His head was cut and he was otherwise bruised. It took several stitches to close the wound and it is very fortunate for the Judge that Mr. Mielkie took the course he did for his Sunday walk.

There is about eight feet of water where the Judge fell and it is a miracle he was not drowned. He was taken to the office of Dr. Brewer where his injuries were attended to.

W. M. MITCHELL DIES AT MILL CITY

W. M. Mitchell died the first of the week at Mill City where he has been working for the last eight months. He was born in Missouri about 25 years ago. Prior to going to Mill City he lived in Albany for two years. He is survived by his father and two stepbrothers. The funeral was held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. from the Fisher-Braden parlors. Dr. G. H. Young preached the service and burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Old Resident Passes

Mrs. Jane Colwell was born in Indiana Jan 25, 1828, she died August first at the age of 91 years, 6 months and 6 days. Deceased had long been a sufferer from cancer and after a couple of years sickness was taken to the Salem hospital. When a young lady she joined the Methodist church and about sixteen years ago she joined the Saints church. She formerly made her home with Willis Keithley of North Santiam. Her husband died in 1905. She leaves to mourn her loss a niece, Mrs. R. J. Thompson, of Central Point, Oregon, who was present at the funeral which was held in Salem, with Rev. H. N. Aldrich officiating. Burial was in Lee Mission cemetery.

WILL LOCATE IN THE ROSE CITY

S. H. Heltzel returned from Bend and other eastern points Tuesday evening, where he went some ten days ago looking for a location. He also visited Caldwell and Boise, Idaho, returning by way of Astoria and Portland. He reports everything booming east of the Cascades and says the towns he visited are prospering. He likes the looks of Portland and says he will locate there in the near future.

Oregon State Fair

Salem, September, 22-27—Splendid agricultural, livestock and industrial exhibits, high class amusements, a superb racing card, bigger and better than ever. A. H. Lea, Secretary, Salem, Oregon. 5t-18