

Reciprocity With Officials To Lessen Fire Distress

More Strict Enforcement of Fire Laws and Little Leniency to Offenders, According to Forest Officials, Will Bring About a Lessening of Destruction of Life and Property by Fires--Appropriation Made.

That the forest fire season of 1911 approaches with better laws and stronger patrols than were in effect at the beginning of last season, but that the last general rains cannot be counted on to postpone danger beyond June, is the substance of a statement issued recently by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association after a systematic canvass of field conditions through its constituent fire fighting associations in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Rainfall was about normal during May and April but light in March and February, so the total from New Years to date is less than in 1910. While May rains relieved the fear of another abnormally early fire season they also prevented the burning of settlers' and loggers' slashings at the safest time. State and association fire officials emphasize that the removal of these fire-traps now must be under permit with the exercise of every care to prevent fire from escaping or lingering to spring up later.

All the timber owners' associations are making their patrols more efficient than ever before. In Idaho forces have been out since May 1, extending trails and telephone systems and some associations already have a man to every 10,000 acres. The Washington association has its men looking after the cleaning up of dangerous slashings and rights of way and has purchased much new equipment including automobiles for

transporting men and supplies. The Montana and Oregon associations have re-organized on a much stronger footing as a result of last year's lesson. The Forest Service has also devoted much effort during the winter perfecting its patrol and fire-fighting arrangements and will work in close co-operation with the states and private owners.

Forest officials of all the states are arranging for stricter enforcement of the fire laws than in previous years and promise little leniency to offenders. The Washington and Oregon laws were made more stringent by the last legislation and appropriations for executing them were increased \$15,000 a year in Washington and \$30,000 in Oregon. Both states are greatly increasing their warden force. The precautions required in burning slashings and operating engines are much more rigid.

The Western Forestry & Conservation Association is making special effort to secure public co-operation with all these agencies by distributing immense quantities of posters, stickers and folders calling attention to the laws, the steps necessary to prevent fires, and the injury to the community caused by destruction of resources, life and property. It believes that if the public can be made to realize the extraordinary effort being made by Government, State, and timber owners, it will reciprocate by avoiding the carelessness which caused so much distress and damage last year.

Memorial Day Oration by Earl Spaulding of the High School

Oration delivered by Earle M. Spaulding at the Decoration Day services rendered at the cemetery by the high school students of Hood River, Oregon:

In behalf of the students of the Hood River high school, I wish to express to the veterans of Canby Post No. 16 our sincere appreciation of the honor conveyed in the invitation to take charge of this service. We esteem it an honor and a privilege, and have accepted the responsibility with a full understanding of the generous and patriotic motives which prompted the invitation.

We young men of the high school are about the same age many of you were when you volunteered to sacrifice your lives, if need be, that this Union might not be severed. We realize to some degree the sacrifice you placed upon the altar of national integrity and individual liberty. We would not forget the sacrifice and Spartan courage of your mothers, sisters and sweethearts when they resolutely forced back the tears from their eyes and, with loyalty and patriotism unexcelled, calmly bade you go forth to the nation's defense. And while you were in the field, the loving, cheering, patriotic messages which they sent from the old home must have given you inspiration, determination and courage to do your duty unflinchingly.

But we who are standing as yet on the threshold of life would not forget to pay respect to you who are living. To you we wish to convey the message of appreciation, of honor,

of patriotic homage, of love, which too often is left unsaid. You were faithful to your trust. From your hands to ours this great matter will pass, with integrity unchallenged, with luster undimmed. You fought your battles and won; we have our battles yet before us. The responsibility of this great trust we accept.

Great and courageous men the world over see in arbitration the end of international war and bloodshed. In spite of this fact, the call of patriotism is as strong as ever. The nation needs men as never before. Every hamlet, each village, our great cities, our states and the nation itself is raising a Macedonian cry for patriotic manhood, for unselfish service, for self-sacrificing volunteers. But we must win our battles with the pen, the voice, the ballot, and by unselfish civic service. The mighty forces of right and wrong are arrayed for mortal combat. The young man who volunteers today to fight in the nation's army for right, for equal justice, for elimination of special privileges, for unswerving trust, has a fight on his hands for life. He also will have battles which will test his courage and his manhood to the utmost. But "simple duty hath no place for fear."

We have met with you here today to do homage to those who have gone before us to the great beyond, especially to those who died on the field of battle; to those who fell a prey to disease and privation; to those who died in the prison cells of

the South and fill unknown graves today; to those who lived through the terrors of war and since then have passed away; to those brave women who sacrificed even as much as you.

We would not forget the South; they also suffered. They had their graves and no laurel. They returned home from their years of war with nothing to greet them but devastated fields and broken homes. And it was too early to catch the gleam of coming sunlight or to read the prophecy of better days. Who can listen to the heart-breaking cry of Father Ryan's Ode to the Confederate Flag and yet not bare his head?

Furl that banner, for 'tis weary,
'Round its staff 'tis drooping, dreary,
Furl it, furl it, it is best;
For there's not a man to wave it,
And there's not a sword to save it,
And there's not one to love it,
In the blood which heroes gave it,
Furl it, hide it, let it rest.

Furl it for the hands that grasped it,
Cold and dead are lying low;
And the banner, it is trailing,
While around it sounds the wailing
Of its people in their woe;
For the conquered, they adore it,
Love the cold, dead hands that bore it,
Weep for those that fell before it;
And, oh! wildly they deplore it,
Now to furl and fold it so.

Furl that banner, softly, slowly,
Treat it gently, it is holy,
For it droops above their dead,
Touch it not, unfurl it never!
Let it droop there faded forever,
For its people's hopes are dead.

The intervening years have burned out our anger, and now we keep Memorial Day. Every year, as the beautiful month of May hastens to a

close, we gather our garlands, and far away from the scenes of strife, in our graveyards that never heard the roar of hostile cannon, we lay our flowers on the graves of those who fought in the struggle that gave us a united people and a united nation. The number of comrades with us are fewer, the number of graves larger each year. But let us never forget how this custom of decorating the graves of the soldiers of the Civil war commenced. It was the South that opened the conflict and fired the first gun on Fort Sumpter. It was in the South that suffered most keenly the ravages of the war. But it was the southern women who first went out over the battlefield and with impartial hands decorated the graves of both the gray and the blue. So we, most of us the descendants of northern homes, with northern blood flowing in our veins, owe to the South the beautiful and fitting custom celebrated on Memorial Day. Fittingly has one of our poets sung:

By the flow of the inland river,
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of the graveyards quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of our dead.
Under the sod and the dew:
Waiting the Judgment Day,
Under the laurels the Blue,
Under the willows the Gray.
No more shall our war cry sever,
Or our winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of our dead.
Under the sod and the dew,
Watching the Judgment Day,
Love and tears for the Blue,
Tears and love for the Gray.

HOOD RIVER MAKES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The most vital problem to be solved by a municipality is its problem of sanitation, and the next question of importance is its street conditions.

The matter of establishing grades and improving the streets in Hood River has been delayed altogether too long, and the present council is to be commended for the stand that it has taken to insist that this matter be no longer deferred, and the improvements that are now in progress are most commendable.

An attempt to work out a uniform system of grades at this late date is proving a most difficult task, in view of the fact that in years gone by some of the street grades were established and brick buildings have been built to conform thereto. It appears that each city surveyor had just a little different plan than his predecessor and now some of the walks and streets will be unequal as a result of this variance in surveys.

It also appears that private parties, who built according to former surveys and grades given by city engineers, now find that they are far from grade as established by the present city engineer and the News believes that in cases where the party has acted in good faith and built upon grade as given by the city engineer, should be protected in making any alterations to buildings or walks in order to conform to present surveys.

Whether or not it is the best plan to so sacrifice the grade of a block in order to establish level intersections, we are not able to say. However, we do believe that the council should pass an air tight ordinance that would prohibit any and all surveyors who may serve the city in the future from deviating from a uniform system of grades as may now be established.

Well Known Citizen Meets Horrible Death

While on Return Home Saturday Evening from City, Warren Wells Is Victim of Runaway--Was Thrown Over Rail of Bridge, Down to Rock Bank, Striking on Head and Sustaining Broken Neck.

The citizens of Hood River were shocked Saturday evening, when it was learned that Warren Wells had been killed in a runaway within the city limits.

Mr. Wells and family, who had spent Saturday afternoon in the city to do their shopping, accompanied by a neighbor, Mrs. Dover, and her daughter, Miss Dover, started home at about 10 o'clock, and when within about 100 feet of the west approach to the Hood river bridge the team began to run and soon became unmanageable. The wagon struck the railing on the south side of the bridge and threw Mr. Wells a distance of approximately 20 feet to the large boulders below. It appears that he struck a large rock and was instantly killed.

Mrs. Wells and children were thrown from the rig and alighting on the bridge were not seriously hurt.

It appears, from an examination of the rig, that the right hand bolt holding the tongue dropped out letting the tongue fall to the ground, and at the bridge the left side of the tongue was broken off.

Mr. Wells has been a resident of Hood River valley for a number of years and a very highly respected citizen. He was the owner of a fine orchard about 3 miles from the city on the east side of the river.

He leaves a wife, four daughters, and one son, besides a brother, Jerome, of Hood River, Charles, of Alberta, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas, of Alberta, Canada.

MODEL NEW BARN FOR FASHION STABLES

Last Thursday the new building of the Fashion Stables was moved into. This commodious structure is located at the foot of Oak street, close in, and yet where it is not in the way of the business portion of the city. The new building measures 75x100 feet in dimension and consists of four floors. The ground floor will be used for truck wagons and general storage; above that are the horse stalls, 35 in number, so arranged that they are easy of access, and are large, light and airy. On this floor there is also a hospital stall. The third or main floor, which comes off the street, is provided with a modern office, contains the harness rooms, and is the place where the buggies are kept. The grain room and hay loft is above. The floors are all double planked with two layers of paper between. The building is electric lighted, all the wires being enclosed in safety conduits. Ample hose is provided on each floor and a powerful water system assures ample protection in case of fire. Chemicals are stationed on the several floors, and in addition there is a water pipe extending to the top of the building which may be used for flooding the roof if necessary. The barn is considered a model in every respect.

The neighbors were called out to fight a fire around the Mt. Hood church Wednesday, and had to keep at it all night.

OLD FOLKS GATHER IN METHODIST CHURCH

Old Folks service in the Methodist church Sunday was attended by nearly fifty white haired men and women, who had passed the fiftieth year, the limit set to gain entrance to the middle pews.

As the honored guests entered the door they were cordially greeted, and had pinned on them a freshly cut Hood River rose, provided for the occasion by the committee on decorations. The pastor, Rev. E. McOmber, had prepared a sermon befitting the occasion, the singing was appropriate and the decorations were beautiful. Rev. J. W. Rigby and Rev. G. W. Kennedy assisted the pastor in the special services.

A notable fact brought out on this occasion was that only four persons were then present, who took part when the old church was dedicated many years ago.

BOY SCOUTS WILL CAMP IN JULY

Scoutmaster E. T. Simpson is planning for an outing of the Boy Scouts in July. Full equipment for tenting and cooking will be provided for the boys, who will by that time be expected to be proficient in pitching the canvas and adepts in the culinary art. For unless they are so trained, life away from home may mean to them hard places in the sleeping blankets and burned biscuits. If the mothers of the Scouts should notice a peculiar willingness on the part of their boys along about cooking time—it can be said they are fitting themselves, not alone to be useful members of the household, but to become capable of tasks of camp life. The Scouts are looking forward with great eagerness to the approach of this event.

PUTNAM SELLS PART OF TRACT

J. R. Putnam sold 30 acres of his 180-acre tract near Mt. Hood to C. F. Ives and R. E. Fairbairn, the latter from Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Ives who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Putnam, comes from Chambersburg, Pa. The 50 acres sold includes the handsome residence at present occupied by Mr. Putnam and into which Mr. Fairbairn and his family will move. The purchasers will take over Mr. Putnam's chicken yards, which are perhaps the largest in the Hood River valley, having 1200 hens and 1000 chicks. Ten acres of the property bought by Messrs. Ives and Fairbairn is set in trees. Of the 130 acres retained by Mr. Putnam 30 are set in orchard.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

A vast amount of business was transacted at Monday night's session of the council.

Several ordinances were passed dealing with sewer systems and street improvements, involving the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

The city treasurer asked for an expression of the council as to what should be done relative to placing the \$90,000 to be received for the water bonds, with the banks, and the matter was carried over to the next meeting.

Dr. Brosius stated that an inspection of the city had been made, relative to sanitary conditions, and he was pleased to state that, with few exceptions, the city was kept very clean. Especially was this true in the residence portion of the city.

The recorder's report showed a deficit in the general fund account of nearly \$540, without the claims against the city for the month of May.

An ordinance was passed dealing with the modus operandi and rules governing the duties of the city officers and council committees, and it will now be possible to add amendments or resolutions to the minutes of the council before they are finally adopted and approved.

THREE ROBBERIES STIR HOOD RIVER

The Blowers Hardware Company's store at First and Oak was broken into Friday night and robbed of a dozen revolvers and about fifteen razors. The loss is estimated at \$150. Entrance to the building was gained through a window in the lavatory, opening on an alley. The staple securing the window was cut by the thieves, who lowered themselves to the floor, about ten feet below, and after rifling the store, made their exit through a rear office door. The company has no safe, but a sum of money concealed in the office was not found. The robbery was considered a daring one, in view of the fact that a large electric light shone brightly through the window near the show case, from which the goods were taken. No clue on which to work has been found by the marshal.

Thieves also broke into the home of F. E. Jackson, on State street, from which silverware was taken from the dining room.

A few nights ago the home of Judge A. J. Derby, on Cascade avenue, was entered, the refrigerator opened and food taken therefrom.

Mrs. John W. Palmer visited friends in Portland during the week.

COUNTRY CLUB INN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Due to the explosion of a bucket of tar, the Country Club Inn and an adjoining house for servants, were destroyed Thursday by fire, entailing a loss of \$8000. J. F. Batchelder and J. Wesley Ladd are the owners.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. P. S. Ingraham, who lives near the property in a tent, but it had made such headway that it was impossible to save the structure. The inn is located at the west end of the city outside of the corporate limits, and because of lack of water the firemen were unable to prevent the flames from spreading to the servants' quarters.

The fire spread to the large grove of fir trees surrounding the building and the flames reached a great height.

BIGGER POLICE FORCE NEEDED THESE NIGHTS.

In the spring of the year, when the city is thronged with berry pickers waiting for the work to begin it would be well if there was one or two extra police put on duty to safeguard the city.

NEWTOWNS SELL WELL IN GERMANY

The Hood River Apple Growers Union has received a report from Steinhart & Kelly, of New York, of the sale of a carload of fancy Yellow Newtowns that brought Hood River f. o. b. \$2.66 per box. The sale was made in Hamburg, Germany. A report of several weeks ago stated that a sale had been made at the same place for a f. o. b. Hood River price of \$2.59 per box.

WANTS ALL-NIGHT SERVICE RESTORED

Hood River has been temporarily deprived of all-night telegraph service, while the new depot is being built.

The telegraph company has moved its office up town, but it is believed by shipping interests affected by the change, that the all-night service will soon be arranged for. Hood River's interests require a service that can be received at night, for attention early in the morning.

June 14th is Flag Day.

HORSE RUNS AND DRIVER IS HURT

Honore Ingalls, a driver of C. A. Richards & Co.'s delivery wagon, had a narrow escape in a runaway near the Davidson building, Monday.

It is reported that when the horse fell the young man was hurled to the ground, and the horse, driver and wagon were heaped in a pile. The horse began to kick and barely missed the young man's head several times. He was rescued and taken to G. E. Gray's tailor shop, where it was discovered he had received injuries, but it was not believed of a serious nature. The horse was not hurt but the wagon was smashed.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS EAST SIDE RANCH

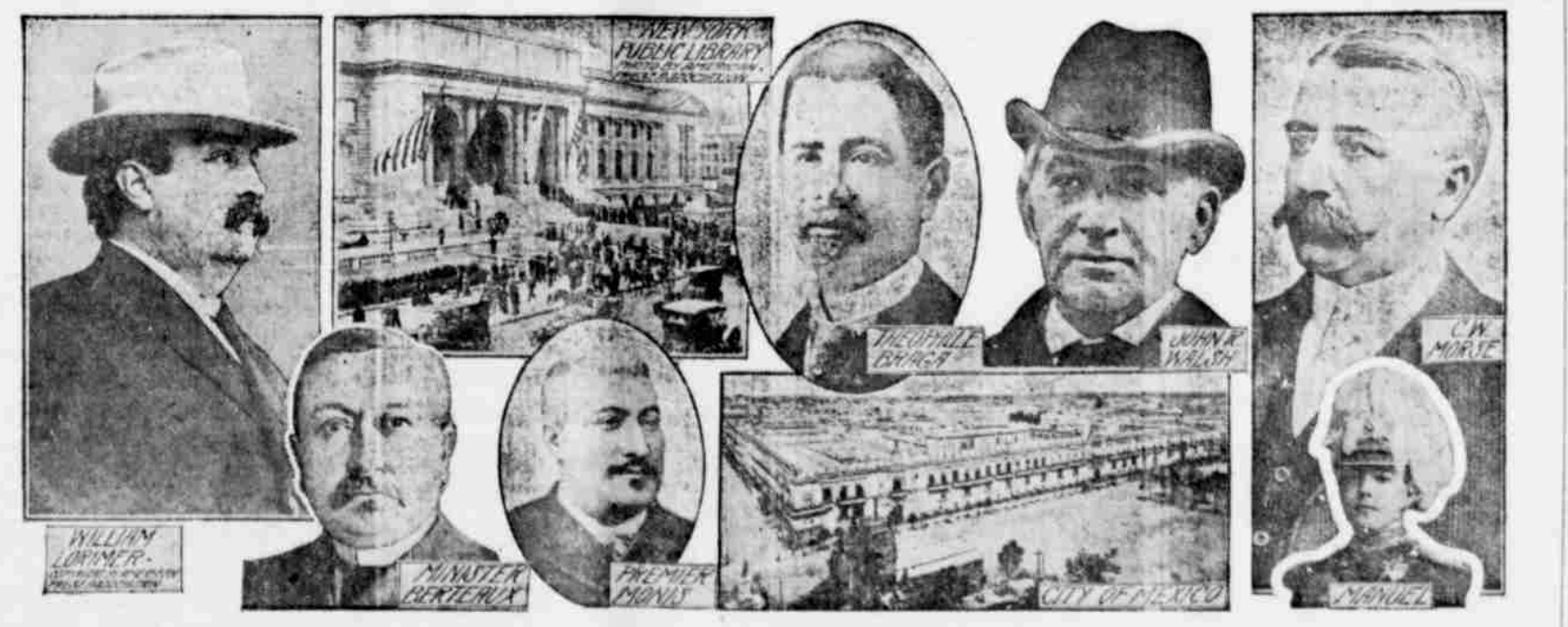
One of the largest land deals of last week was made by G. V. Edwards & Co., when Frank Meneffe of Portland purchased the south 40 acres of C. T. Roberts' fine ranch, 1/2 mile south of Van Horn station, for \$25,000.

Mr. Meneffe is a native of this part of Oregon, and is the owner of several other fine tracts of Hood River land. It is his intention to plant all of the land on the Roberts tract, which is not now in orchard, to peaches next spring.

Mr. Roberts will still retain the north 40 acres, mostly all in bearing orchard.

This is the second 40-acre tract disposed of within the past ten days by the above firm.

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

Minister of War Berteaux of France was killed and Premier Monis dangerously injured by a falling aeroplane at Issy-les-Moulineux, where they had gone to see the start of the air race from Paris to Madrid. Senator Lorimer of Illinois must again defend himself in congress against charges that his election was acquired by bribery. It is reported that a revolution is about to be started against President Braga of Portugal, which has for its purpose the overthrowing of the republic and the re-establishing of a monarchy, with ex-King Manuel as its head. President Taft refused to pardon Charles W. Morse and John R. Walsh, bank wreckers, who are serving prison terms. The New York Public Library, the largest in the world, was opened. President Diaz resigned and left the City of Mexico for Spain.

THE NEW DEPOT FINEST ON LINE

The depot being erected by the O. W. R. & N. is being rushed to completion. It is expected that the brick work will be finished by tomorrow, and then the carpenters will take charge. The exterior will be finished with a stucco composition and the furnishings in the interior will be complete in every detail.

Hood River will have one of the finest passenger depots on the line of the road when completed.