

LARGE LUMBER

Wilson Bros' Plant at Aberdeen Destroyed by Fire.

FIRM WILL REBUILD AT ONCE

Owing to an Accident to the City's New Fire Engine, Much Valuable Property in the Vicinity Was Threatened.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—This morning destruction of the Wilson Bros' sawmill, valued at \$100,000. The insurance is \$45,000. The plant was owned by C. R. Wilson, of San Francisco, and had recently been destroyed and a planing-mill added at a cost of \$50,000.

The fire started near the boiler and was well under way before the fire department arrived. Owing to an accident to the new fire engine, it was unable to be of service for an hour, and the lighting plant near the mill and other property was in danger for a time. The mill will be rebuilt.

THERE IS MONEY IN PORK.

Colonel Judson Explains Some Facts to Palouse Farmers.

COLFAX, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. Co., who is here for the purpose of assisting in the organization of a company to build and operate a cold-storage plant for handling hogs, is also endeavoring to do a little missionary work among the farmers and growers in the matter of encouraging the hog industry and other diversified methods of farming. He contends that hogs can be produced as cheaply here as in the corn states of the Middle West, and because of the excellent quality of the hogs, they are in demand in the market. He says that Oregon and Washington are natural hog-producing countries.

"Kiddie Iron, the extensive livestock shipping and feeders of Island City, Or.," he said, are now feeding about 200 head of hogs, and Mr. Kiddie says they are producing one pound of pork with three cents of wheat with hogs at 6 cents per pound. Live weight, Mr. Kiddie says they get \$1.30 per bushel for their wheat when fed to hogs. They now have 400 head of hogs weighing from 100 to 150 pounds in a pen running a field of five acres of alfalfa. They feed these hogs a small amount of meal feed, and have a lot of them constantly ready for market.

They have had this number of hogs and pigs in this small field since April 1, yet will cut three tons of hay per acre from the field. A new lot of hogs are put in the field when one lot is shipped to the firm which has both Portland and Ormsah.

"Major Townley, of Union, Or., who is an extensive Shorthorn breeder and grain farmer, says that he has had the best results from his experiments during the past winter in feeding hogs, and has been able to produce one pound of pork from three pounds of wheat, and that at the present price of pork he realizes a profit of \$1.10 per bushel for his wheat when fed to hogs. In some of the tests made a pound of pork was produced with less than three pounds of wheat. He has a lot of hogs on hand about 2000 bushels of last year's wheat, which he expects to market by feeding to hogs and selling the hogs.

Professor H. T. French, of the University of Idaho, who was formerly professor of agriculture in the Oregon Agricultural College, told me that he made a number of tests with the experiment which with the latter institution, and found that he could produce a pound of pork with three pounds of wheat fed to hogs. It seems to me that when such good authority as these men give, the farmer will pay the farmers of the Palouse country to investigate and see if they cannot improve on their present methods and produce more pork. The price of pork is now increasing more rapidly than is the production of this necessary staple.

CRIME AT ASTORIA.

Courts Busy Sending Criminals to the Penitentiary.

ASTORIA, July 22.—(Special.)—The present year has been an exceptional one in history for the number of criminals who have been sent to the Penitentiary from here than in the corresponding length of time in any previous year. Since January 1 nine men have been sentenced to the Penitentiary, but of these only three could be called residents of the county, and of those three, two had been here but a short time. The criminals, the crimes for which they were committed and the length of their terms are as follows: W. R. Beckwith, embezzlement, two years; Paddy J. Lynch and Theodore Tolbason, kidnaping, eight years, one year, respectively; Matt Javal, manslaughter, 7 1/2 years; Albert Smith, Brown, two years; J. K. White and Charles Finn, forgery, three years each; Josiah S. Smith and John Lane, perjury, ten years each. Besides these, three men were sentenced to terms of six months in the County Jail one for larceny, one for criminal assault and one for assault with a dangerous weapon. Two men were also arrested here by Sheriff Livinsville and taken to Portland, where sentence was entered in each case for only three of the men stood trial, all the others preferring to plead guilty. Those standing trial were Lynch, Tolbason and Josiah S. Smith.

Montana Silver Mine Closed.

PHILIPSBURG, Mont., July 22.—The properties of the Granite Bimetallic Consolidated Mining Company, which produce \$200,000 worth of silver a month, were closed early this morning on attachments issued by the Walker Commercial Company, of Granite, and as a result, about 100 men are idle. Attachment was brought as a result of St. Louis bondholders protesting payment on wage checks.

Arrested Caught in the Act.

MINNIEVILLE, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—F. J. Roberts, of Carlton, was caught in the act of setting fire to Senator W. A. Howe's warehouse at noon Tuesday, and was brought to this city for examination at the County Jail. He was charged with arson and was placed in the county jail. He is also accused of burning the Carlton livey stable.

New Express Office Opened.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—The Pacific Express Company has opened an office in this city with J. L. Royal as agent, in connection with the "Rockaway" Express. This gives this city three express companies.

More Wages Granted.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., July 22.—The plea of the Northern Pacific Machinists and Engineers' Association for an increase in the wages has been granted, the railroad company allowing the workmen 90 cents additional per day.

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