

FIRE HOMES IN FIRE'S PATH

Linn County's Timber Is at the Mercy of Uncontrolled Flames.

RAILWAY SENDS SPECIAL

Forest Blaze Started From Slashings Threatens Mill City, and Roars Greedily Through Good Timber and Ranches.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Two forest fires that in the extent of damage done and number of people affected surpass any previous fires in Linn County's timber annals, are burning tonight along the line of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad east of Albany. To the east and west of Mill City fires are raging in the timber and the efforts of the fire fighters are unavailing.

Starting about the middle of the afternoon from slashings, the flames soon grew beyond control and leaped to the sides of the mountain along the course of the North Santiam River. A number of farmhouses in the clearings which dot the little valley on either side of the Santiam have already been claimed by the greedy flames, and fire and cannot yet be determined. More people have been rendered homeless by this fire at the close of the dry season than by any fire which has visited the Linn County forests. Considerable of the roadbed of the Corvallis & Eastern is said to be rendered impassable by the fire. Trees have been burned out and tracks destroyed. In addition to this many cords of the company's wood along the track is burning. The track of the fire is a charred waste, farmhouses, fences and the winter's supplies having been licked up by the flames. Reports are yet meager and it is not known whether there has been loss of life. The railroad company tonight sent a special train loaded with all available men to combat the flames. The fire is now in valuable standing timber a few miles from Mill City and in the Santiam Canyon on both sides of that place. While it is thought there is no danger of the fire reaching Mill City such a thing is very possible. This is an important mountain town in which is located the large lumber mill of the Curtis Lumber Company.

The pall of smoke which has hung over Albany today has become denser this evening until the smoke-charged atmosphere recalls the fires of two years ago.

ENGINE SPARKS SPREAD FIRE

DILEY Suffers \$1700 Blaze This Morning.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—The Alexander warehouse, at Diley, two miles west of here, tonight shortly after noon today, and was completely destroyed, with most of its contents. Fire is supposed to have caught from sparks from engine, and it was first noticed in the roof soon after the train passed. It was stored about 100 tons of hay, mostly belonging to T. G. Todd. A long rick of wood containing nearly 200 cords, belonging to the railroad company, was also burned. The fire company from here went down and rendered efficient aid in protecting other buildings from catching fire. The loss is estimated at \$500 on building and \$200 on contents, and \$100 on wood.

Vancouver Guards Against Fire.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special).—On account of the heavy winds the people in this county are alarmed lest forest fires get started in the heavier woods. Considerable damage would be done if fires were out while the wind is at such point. The slashing and brush in some of the near-by logging camps would give such a start to the fire that it would be of little use to try to check it. It is reported that several people are burning the dry grass and brush near their houses in order to protect their homes. The memory of the fires of two years ago are still fresh in the minds of the people, and they are probably more easily alarmed than they should be.

Gladstone Threatened by Fire.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Getting beyond control, the fire that was started yesterday for the burning of slashing on Hansen's property at Gladstone this afternoon, burned over the premises of H. Dauchy, but did not reach the buildings. Twice the flames leaped across the Southern Pacific Railroad track into Gladstone Park, and for a time seriously threatened the auditorium and other buildings belonging to the Willamette Valley Chautauque Association. The residents of Gladstone vainly fought the flames, and it is considered remarkable that greater damage did not result. Tonight the fire is under control.

Cornelius Threatened With Fire.

CORNELIUS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Fire started in a pile of rubbish here today, and threatened for a time to get beyond control. Fences, timber, an old warehouse and heaps of slashings were consumed before the firefighters could check the flames. For a time the whole town was threatened, but by hard work the flames were at last controlled, with but little damage.

CAR REPAIRER IS KILLED

Engine Backed Into Him While He Was Not Looking.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—John M. Barker, car-repairer, sustained injuries in the railroad yards here last night which resulted in his death six hours later. Both legs were crushed, one near the hip under the wheels of a locomotive which backed unnoticed upon Barker and another workman, William Abene, who jumped barely in time to escape. Barker was taken on the overland train en route to Portland, but died at Woodburn. He leaves a wife and five small children. He was a native of Oregon, age 37, and an excellent citizen.

GEORGE BONNER ROBBS HOUSE

Reform School Boy Wearing Oregon Boot Rins Like Deer.

SALEM, Sept. 1.—(Special).—With a 15-pound "Oregon boot" on one foot, George Bonner, one of the Reform School boys who made a break for liberty in Huntington, has succeeded in reaching Huntington, on the eastern border of the state. There he was arrested for robbing a house, and will be tried in Baker County

for the offense. Bonner is a Scappoose boy, about 18 years old. An "Oregon boot" is a heavy band of iron, riveted around the lower leg just above the ankle. It is put upon Reform School boys and Penitentiary convicts who show a disposition to escape. It is worn night and day, and can be removed only with the aid of good blacksmith tools. Notwithstanding the weight he carried on one foot, when the break was made Bonner ran like a deer for 200 yards, when he climbed a barbed-wire fence and found concealment in the brush. How he reached Huntington without being identified by his iron boot is a mystery. Presumably, he beat his way on a railroad train, for he had no money. Four of the 11 boys who escaped are still at large.

DIDN'T FIND SICK MAN.

W. E. Chandler Sees Robber Where He Sought Invalid.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—W. E. Chandler, a Lebanon business man, was held up and robbed while on route from Albany to his home at early about this morning. The hold-up occurred at Grange Hall No. 10, about three miles from Albany. When Chandler reached that place a strange man to him, stating that his partner was quite ill in the barn in the rear, and asked Chandler to render assistance. When the latter had tied his horse and stepped to the barn, he found himself looking into the business end of a revolver. But a few dollars were secured by the highwaymen. The police were immediately called up over the rural phone and hastened to the scene, but were unable to trace the miscreants.

CONVICTS SAY GOODBYE

TRUSTIES DON HOSTLERS' OFFITS AND ESCAPE.

One Is Captured and Authorities Offer Reward of \$75 for Return of Comrade.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Two convicts in the Walla Walla penitentiary escaped last evening at about 5:30 o'clock. At 10:30 one of them was captured and returned to the penitentiary, while the other, the name of the other and at last report were supposed to have him located in the brush on Mill Creek below the McCarty bridge, about five miles west of Walla Walla.

The two escapees are Edward Long, of Jefferson County, sent up for five years in September, 1903, for attempted sodomy and Bert Taylor, received at the penitentiary while attending the courts three years from Wailtman County, for horse-stealing.

Long was captured by guards Hazelton and Nelson about five miles west of the city near Mill Creek. He had left the creek and was coming out to the road when the two guards nabbed him. They had taken his trail at the beginning of the chase and deserve great credit for the manner in which they followed him, even after dark. Both prisoners were trustees and had been employed on the prison farm. During the absence of the hostler at the barn last evening they appropriated some clothing in the yard, and while standing the horse, put it on and struck out through the field toward the west. Their absence was soon discovered, however, and a posse of guards took their trails on horseback, resulting in Long's capture within a few hours.

Warden Kees last night announced that there is a reward of \$75 for the capture of Bert Taylor, who is still at large. His prison number is 1190 and he is particularly described as being five feet seven and three-quarters inches in height, dark brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, regular features and erect carriage, and is now only 16 years of age. He had a small round scar on the right side of his head three inches above the ear and a small round scar on the left temple at the edge of the hair; he also has a cut near the inside muscle of his right arm two inches from the elbow. It is presumed here that the men had heard of the proposed changes to be made in the guards and that they were taking advantage of a set of new men, in this, however, they missed their calculation by a few days as but one change had been made up to last evening.

RELATIVES WILL NOT PAY.

Most Insane Patients Live on State Bounty.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—The act of the Legislature of 1903 requiring that the cost of keeping insane patients at the state insane asylum shall be paid by the relatives, is not working as well as was hoped. Though several hundred patients have been received at the asylum since that law was passed, only 38 are on the list of those whose maintenance should be borne by relatives. Only \$202.35 has been collected from this source during the two years and a half the law has been in operation and \$236.67 charged against relatives remains due and uncollectible. Experience has shown that a large proportion of the patients' relatives are unable to pay, and many of them have no relatives who are liable for their support and who are able to pay the required \$10 a month. The amount collected under this law is inconsiderable in comparison with the total cost of maintaining the state insane asylum.

Would Change County Seat.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special).—It is likely that the movement to remove the county seat from Montesano to Aberdeen, which has been agitated frequently in years past, may be revived again this Fall before the coming municipal election. But for the opposition of Hougum, it is assumed that the courthouse would have been removed before this. The electric car line between this city and Hougum, however, has moved a large part of the opposition to the presumption that the people of Aberdeen would favor a site for a courthouse somewhere between the two towns and close to the car line, and this is very possible. At the present time the bulk, if not pretty much all of the legal business of the county comes from Hougum and Hougum is a city of 1000 people, while Aberdeen has about all from these places, also. The removal of the courthouse would save the county a pretty good sum in the way of mileage in the Sheriff's office and in the county prosecutor's office. There is also great delay at Montesano with witnesses, on account of its inaccessibility to the trade centers of the county. Aberdeen is the natural point for the courthouse, so argue the attorneys, and a widespread movement to change the location of the county seat is likely, if not this year, very soon afterward.

Portland Yachts Come Home.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—The fleet of Portland yachts that has been here during the regatta left up the river this afternoon.

New President of Packing Trust.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Edward Tildes, for years prominent in packing and banking circles, was today elected president of the National Packing Company to succeed the late Samuel McLean, Jr.

PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS

Abner Weed and Evan Reams Block Irrigation.

KLAMATH'S MASS MEETING

J. W. Hamaker Speaks to Citizens Who Pass Resolution Binding Every Business Man to Get Signatures to Deeds.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—The people of Klamath Falls are becoming somewhat impatient and not a little indignant at the way two or three of the large landowners of the Klamath basin are holding up the government irrigation projects here. To show the feeling of the business men on this matter a mass meeting was called at the courthouse last night which was very largely attended, and at the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that every pressure should be brought to bear on some of those recalcitrants.

Judge Baldwin presided at the meeting and many of the prominent citizens of the Falls spoke. Among them was Attorney J. W. Hamaker, who had just returned from the meeting of the Irrigation Congress in Portland. Mr. Hamaker said in part:

"I learned during my visit to Portland that Chief Engineer Newell of the Reclamation Service, in his patient application what worried the delay of our citizens and especially the large landowners under this project. As there are numerous other projects calling for attention, if we do not meet the requirements of the government, we may be hung up here for an indefinite number of years and the money set apart for the Klamath project may be transferred to other projects where the people are more alive to their interests than we are. I also have it on reliable authority that Mr. Newell will authorize construction work to begin on as soon as 75 per cent of \$5,000 acres east and south of Klamath Falls are signed up. If we can easily the chief engineer within 30 days that this is nothing whether to do with the project or not. The irrigation project will be approved by the state, and we will order the construction of the ditches within that area. We ought to do better than that. The entire area comprises 25,000 acres. We ought to have a larger area, say 50,000 acres. Let us see for a minute what this delay means to us: An acre of irrigated land will produce a crop of a value of \$100. A 100-acre area means a loss of \$10,000 for one year's delay. Now, suppose, by reason of our inability to pull together for a common purpose, we are unable to get three or more years, see the loss we will sustain."

"I want to say to you first, that if the government does not go ahead here with the private enterprise, we are ready with the means necessary to do the work, and secondly, the Reclamation Service has acquired the rights of all the canal companies in the valley, and the irrigation properties acquired by the service, so private enterprise can undertake irrigation here."

"Realizing the urgency of some action, the business men have come together to devise some concerted step toward getting construction work under way here. And if we do not do this and get the government to work, we may have to wait from three to ten years before any benefit is derived from government irrigation. Four million dollars does not go on every year, and we should not hazard any chance of losing it by inactivity here. We ought to get after the large holders who refuse to sign up with a sharp stick and keep hammering at them until they come to time."

Following this speech, Mr. Hamaker offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the people of this meeting that every business man in this city constitute himself a committee of one to put forth his best efforts to promote the speedy irrigation of our lands, and in every way possible assist the Water-Users' Association in carrying out the rules and regulations of the Reclamation Service."

Among those who now refuse to sign up and the two men who are now alleged to be responsible for the holding up of the government work are Abner Weed, of Dunsbury, Cal., and Evan Reams, of Klamath Falls. These two men own large tracts in the immediate vicinity of Klamath Falls and so far have refused to sign the excess trust deed. It was remembered that Mr. Weed recently purchased 12,300 acres of land here. At the time of the transfer it was announced that Mr. Weed would sign up this land, but since he has refused to do so, this is a large holding of Mr. Weed's within 10 miles of Klamath Falls, and directly in the way of beginning the irrigation work until the excess trust deeds are signed. If these two men will sign up their holdings it is claimed that they will make more than the required 75 per cent and active work at ditch-digging would begin at once.

CHINESE UNION RISES UP.

Demands That Back Coin Must Be Paid for Fish.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Considerable trouble was experienced last evening when the Chinese crew for the Steamer River were being taken on board the little steamer, and the crew which left out this afternoon. It appears that the man who leased the cannery last year held them \$200 from the Chinese contractor for salmon in the cannery in packing. This year another man is operating the plant and while he secured his crew from a different contractor, the Chinese firm which was the contractor last year and a representative of the Chinese labor union notified him that he could take no Chinamen from here until the old claim was paid.

Will Appeal to Federation

Oregon City Woolen-Mill Weavers Consult With Gram About Strike.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 1.—(Special).—The striking woolen mill employees held a meeting this morning that was attended by C. H. Gram, of Portland, president of the Federation of Labor for Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. A committee of six members was appointed to wait on the mill management and present in writing the demands of the strikers, which are understood to include the

restoration of the wage scale in effect prior to the reduction of wages about six months ago. The report of the committee will be submitted at another meeting of the mill workmen, to be held tomorrow night. If their demands are not favorably recognized by their employers, the strikers will submit their case to the State Federation of Labor, which will be convened at Portland next Monday in annual session.

Many of the 33 men and women who walked out Tuesday afternoon have left the city. A majority are in the hogfields, while others are going to accept similar positions to those they held, in other mills. Three left tonight for Marysville, Cal. There is little being done in the weaving department at the mill, and the shutdown in that department has necessitated laying off about a dozen other employes whose services were indirectly connected with the weavers.

BAD MAN STEALS MODEL.

Flowers Recovers Pattern of Engine About to Revolutionize Things.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special).—W. A. Flowers, a bicycle-dealer, some time ago evolved a plan which is intended to revolutionize the steam engine. He took various odd pieces of a sewing machine and other material and constructed a model of an engine which has a steam chest, but is operated by direct power and reversible without links. Flowers alleges that one Theodore Shade stole the model and intended to sell it to the patent office. Major Lindstrom and the other men interested for local men, of whom one is Mayor Lindstrom, in the patent application for which he is now before the Patent Office, in Washington. Mr. Lindstrom and others advanced Shade about \$1000 for stock, and Shade had taken the preliminary steps towards the manufacture of the machine. Today Flowers swore out a warrant for Shade's arrest, and an officer with a search-warrant secured the original model at Shade's home.

Flowers' story, and will assist him in proving his claim to the property.

BAKER CITY GETTING GOOD

Mayor Johns Orders That Notorious Resorts Be Closed.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—The action of Mayor C. A. Johns at the Council meeting last evening in issuing instructions to the police department to close certain notorious resorts in the heart of the city, and the intimation that this movement would be followed up in other objectionable localities, is meeting with general approval by all classes. The first attempt that has ever been made by the city authorities to localize the social evil in this place and much is due to the Alpha League for their endeavors in this direction.

This city receives contributions from over thirty persons of this class, who pay fines for police protection.

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON

Frank Gonzler Pulls His Gun Through Brush and Is Killed.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 1.—The opening of the hunting season here today was marked by the accidental killing of Frank Gonzler, the 18-year-old son of Casper Gonzler, an old-time merchant of the city, in climbing through some brush the hammer of his rifle, which was become entangled in a vine weapon was discharged, the load of bird shot striking Gonzler in the right thigh and severing an artery. He was found dead by some hunters a short time afterwards, having bled to death.

Hornless Bull Butts Man.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—E. N. Melvin was attacked in a field three miles west of town by a mad bull yesterday, and hunted and trampled almost into insensibility. After he had been terribly bruised and trampled, Melvin lay motionless and the satisfied animal joined the herd of cattle he had left to make the attack. Melvin crawled to a gate, where he was picked up and taken to a neighboring farmer's. The bull had no horns, which alone accounts for Melvin's escape with his life.

Good Field Yields Poor Hops.

EGGON, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—W. R. Walker, who had 14 acres of early hop plants in the Springfield bottom, has just completed picking, and finds he has a ridiculously small crop, while a good crop had been expected. From the 14 acres he harvested about 400 pounds. An ordinary yield is about 200 pounds per acre. The reason for the failure is not known. The yard is about six years old, and has heretofore yielded well.

PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS

Want to Know Why the State Land Board Balks.

HAVE PAID FOR THE LAND

Investors in Project of Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company Waiting to Have Authorities Consider Claims.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—Rumors that the application of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company for a patent to 77,000 acres of land in the Pilot Butte segregation has been held up in the State Land Office has caused some uneasiness among persons interested, and inquiries are being made as to the cause. The application, when received, some time ago, was referred to the State Land Agent, J. H. Lewis, who returned it to the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company because the descriptions of the land applied for were defective. In returning the application Mr. Lewis said that before he could approve it he must make a trip to the Deschutes country, examine company ditches and ascertain whether the company has complied with the requirements. He cannot make this inspection before the middle of September, so it will not be known before that time whether the work that has been done will meet his approval.

Though the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company has not yet perfected title to any of its land, it has made contracts with many intending settlers for the conveyance of tracts to them upon their payment of the land which the company holds. Partial payments have been made by each settler. It now appears that some who have made these contracts are not dealing with the state, whereas the state has nothing to do with the contracts. A letter from one of these settlers, complaining that a large part of the land for which he has contracted is not irrigable will come before the board at its next meeting.

Members of the State Land Board have publicly asserted in plainest terms that the state has nothing whatever to do with contracts the intending settler makes with the reclamation company. The law provides that by paying off the lien which the reclamation company holds, the settler shall be entitled to a deed from the state. The issuance of a deed by the state, however, depends upon the lapse of a patent by the United States, and this, in turn, depends upon the satisfactory construction of the irrigation system. A member of the Board repeated again today that the settler who makes a contract with a reclamation company must not look to the state if he has any grievances. The state will issue deeds when all the conditions provided in the Carey act and the state arid-land law have been complied with, and not otherwise.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

C. W. Powell.

EGGON, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special).—C. W. Powell, a well-known early-day Methodist preacher, died at his home, near Eugene, Wednesday, aged 58 years. He crossed the plains to Oregon from Illinois in 1832.

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KIDNEYS CALL FOR HELP



When the kidneys are sick there is always a warning to tell you of it, and when the kidneys call for help there is no time to lose. Kidney diseases are common and fatal—cause more deaths every year than any other human ailment. But in nine cases out of ten this is due to neglect. Kidney disorders are easily contracted, but just as easily cured when treated properly and in time.

Common causes of kidney troubles are colds, fevers, exposures, strains on the back, blood-poisoning diseases, and indulgence in stimulants. The kidneys are the blood filters, and when they become sick, the blood is soon laden with impurities, which the kidneys have failed to remove. This causes backache, stiff joints, and sore muscles, aching joints, spells of dizziness, headaches, rheumatic pains, sleeplessness, nervousness, and languor, weak heart and many other bodily aches and ills.

Meanwhile the kidneys are fast breaking down, and from this cause the urine becomes discolored and full of sandy sediment, passages are too frequent and often painful. Uric acid crystallizes and causes gravel and kidney stones. The bladder cannot perform its natural duties. Water which should pass off in the urine collects in different parts of the body, causing dropsical bloating.

PORTLAND PROOF.

Mrs. A. Canavan, of 728 Northrup street, wife of A. Canavan, who is employed at the city waterworks, says: "For two or three years, owing to kidney complaint and backache, I was some days unable to attend to my household duties at all. What I did do was under great strain and misery. When, owing to a weak lame and aching back, you are unable to sit, stand or lie when dizzy spells are common and you are annoyed with headaches, despite the use of ordinary household remedies, and more than one medicine guaranteed to be a cure for such troubles, you naturally think a good deal of the means at last employed which gave relief. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, taking them according to directions, and I found more relief from them than from all other remedies I ever took put together."

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