

ELK VALLEY IS SEEING HELL

Loss of Life Will Be Appalling. Conflagration Worst in Canada's History.

HIGH WIND AIDS FLAMES

Fire Extending Toward Montana Border—Every Effort Being Made to Save Town of Michel.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A late wire tonight says that Hosmer is in better shape, and may be saved, but that nothing can save Michel tonight.

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ALL AVAILABLE MEN FIGHTING FIRE

West of Cranbrook.

FOUR DIE TRYING TO SAVE BRIDGE.

Four men lost their lives trying to save the huge bridge near Michel, it was totally destroyed.

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VILLAGE IN DANGER

Forest Fire Menaces Ferndale, Hamlet Near Marshfield.

COOS BAY CITY IS SAFE

Change in Direction of High Wind Drives Flames Toward Neighboring Settlement—County Bridge Seems Doomed.

MARSHFIELD, OR., AUG. 2.—(Special.)

A change in the high wind now blowing has increased the forest fire burning near here, driving the flames through brush to another settlement in Ferndale valley.

TWO FIRES NEAR GRANTS PASS

Farm Houses in Fruitdale Valley Threatened by Flames.

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Several forest fires have been started in this vicinity within the past week by carelessness of campers.

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USE EXISTING SURPLUS

No Special Tax Needed for Erection of a New Courthouse.

PORTLAND, AUG. 1.—(To the Editor.)

I notice in The Oregonian some reference to the proposed erection of a new courthouse, and a suggestion by the County Court that as the county could not legally issue bonds to extra special tax might be levied for that purpose.

GRADE SPOILS HOME SITES

Property Sliding Into Street in City of South Bend.

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CHARLES E. KRAMER MEETS DEATH

While Teaching Little Stepsons to Swim.

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Charles E. Kramer was drowned in the Willamette River here at 1 o'clock today. In company with his two stepsons, Bob and Jess, aged 8 and 2, whom he was teaching to swim, and Oscar Tinkle, a boy of about the same age, he went in bathing just below the steel bridge.

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SUPERINTENDENT EUGENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Guy C. Stockton, of Elkton, Colo. EUGENE, OR., August 2.—(Special.)—Guy C. Stockton, of Elkton, Colo., who has been unanimously chosen Superintendent of the Eugene Public Schools, for the coming year, has a splendid record of preparation and experience and high personal recommendations for the position which he is to fill.