

FIRE DEVOURING TOWN OF MICHEL

Wind Blows Gale From West and Flames Sweep Down Mountain Side.

ESCAPE BY TRAIN CUT OFF

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Line Clear to the East.

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Fire Sweeps Down Mountain.

From a light eastern breeze the wind turned to a gale from the west at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the city in a moment was doomed.

Train Strikes Wall of Flame.

The train set only half a mile on its journey when it encountered a wall of flames.

Telegraph Operator Sticks to Key.

At 5 o'clock a lone newspaperman and the telegraph operator still stuck by the Canadian Pacific instrument.

Twenty Loggers Are Missing

Mill Men May Have Perished in Fire

About Hosmer.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 4.—Up to this evening 18 bodies had been found in the ruins caused by the fire at Fernie.

Walter Ford, wife and two children, bodies found in a well.

Several were drowned in trying to swim the Elk River.

The logging crew of the Elk Lumber Company, consisting of about 20 men, is still missing.

The only possible way of escape open to them was to cross the mountain range.

No great damage to Michel has been done by fire yet.

The town is today surrounded and seriously threatened from the west.

Many men are still missing from the Fernie logging camps.

Up to last night 12 bodies had been found in the town and 18 persons are still missing.

Logging Superintendent Fred Waters, of the Elk Company, fought his way through the flames.

Many of the foreigners were panic-stricken and some must have perished.

R. Jaffero, a director of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, states that work will start today at Coal Creek.

The coke ovens are unharmed and the coal and coke industry will be on a normal footing in a week.

FLED FROM FIRE ON TRAIN

Railroad Carried Hundreds of Panic-Stricken People From Fernie.

CALGARY, N. W. T., Aug. 4.—Mrs. George S. Crossman, of Fernie, with her sister Miss Maud Holman, came from Michel last night.

She relates a thrilling story of escape from the burning town.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Crossman rushed into his house to say that the fire, which had been raging in the bush for several days was threatening the city of Fernie.

He collected a few things, Mrs. Crossman, carrying her little baby, took refuge in a fireproof warehouse where it was thought they would be safe from the flames which were then rising from every part of the doomed town.

Soon, however, an awful shower of sparks and burning pieces of wood began to have effect on the building and it was

decided to remove all the women within the freight sheds to a train which was being made up to carry them to places of safety.

They determined to cross to the sheds, which were a mass of flames, and board a train.

Some were dressed in all their finery and others had scarcely anything to wear at all.

The train then pulled out for Hosmer, said Mrs. Crossman, "but we found the heart of that town in flames when we reached it."

The original intention had been to get through to Michel, but shortly after leaving Hosmer, the train then backed again.

Mr. Crossman, going on its way back through the greatest danger, for it had to pass a mile between blazing brush on both sides.

The windows of the cars became so hot that it was impossible to touch them, and the heat and smoke were stifling.

Some of the women were screaming and saying their prayers at the top of their voices and adding to the terrible confusion.

After passing through the fire belt the train reached a safe place and stopped for the night.

While they lay there condensed milk for the women was distributed.

DEATH OF PROMINENT DUFUR CITIZEN

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Samuel B. Johnston, of Dufur, who died suddenly at his home in that city on Saturday last, was one of the best-known citizens in the county.

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REFUSING 80 CENTS

Umatilla Farmers Hope for Higher Prices.

HOLDING TO THEIR WHEAT

Offices of Buyers in Pendleton Are Crowded Daily and Should a Break Occur, Heavy Sales May Be Expected.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—With the grainbuyers offering 80 cents a bushel for wheat, the expected rush of the farmers to let go their holdings did not materialize.

The office of every buyer in the city was filled with farmers all day, however, and it is probably the first sign of weakening in the market will be the signal for a general letting go.

Everyone is willing to take 80 cents, but they are also willing to take a



GOOD TIMES

The wheat crop will rank among the two or three largest crops we ever had.

Oats will give the first billion bushel crop we ever had.

Corn looks as if we'd gather the biggest crop we ever had.

Cotton promises the best crop ever.

Clothing—and here is the best made suit this country has ever seen.

WILL REVOKE FRANCHISE

MCMINNVILLE TO USE REFERENDUM ON PHONE COMPANY.

Citizens Object to Giving Up Use of Streets Without Cash Remuneration—Council Is Divided.

MCMINNVILLE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The citizens of this place will invoke the referendum on the franchise granted by the City Council to the McMinnville Mutual & Long Distance Telephone Company.

The ordinance embracing the franchise was passed at the last monthly meeting of the Council by a bare majority.

Some of the members dissenting, and was permitted by the Mayor to become effective without his signature.

The terms of the franchise are practically the same as those of the telephone company, although this is not embodied in the ordinance.

To install a fire alarm system throughout the city in consideration of the franchise, the taxpayers look upon a practically free franchise as an undesirable asset for the city.

At its regular meeting tonight, the Council will be presented with petitions and served with a notice calling for a referendum vote on the franchise.

No hardships are intended to be imposed upon the telephone company by thus invoking the referendum, but it is believed that a cash value should be placed on special favors.

By ELIZABETH M. GARDNER

MAKING ROAD UP SANTIAM

Black Eagle Mining Company Expects to Erect Smelter This Fall.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Good progress is reported on the mountain road that is being constructed up the Little North Fork of the Santiam River, above Elkhorn, to the Black Eagle Mining & Milling Company's group of mines in the Gold Creek mining district.

These are copper mines carrying some values in gold and silver, and which have been developed in the last few years.

Robert F. Shier, president and manager of the Black Eagle Mining & Milling Company, and who is directing the work on this road, was in the city last evening and reports that the road is now within about three miles of their group of mines.

A force of about 25 men is now at work on the road, and expects to have the road completed to the mines by the first of September, when the company proposes to push development work on the mines and erect a smelter.

This wagon road will connect with the C. & E. R. at Gates, 14 miles distant from the mines, and will afford easy transportation to and from the mines.

The owners report large bonfires of smelting ore in sight, are very sanguine of success, and expect to put this district on the map as one of the copper producing regions.

Several of this district are mostly owned by Portland and local capitalists.

JOE YOUNG KEPT IN PRISON

Supreme Court Refuses to Pardon Man Who Shot Van Dran.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 4.—In an opinion by Commissioner Slater the Supreme Court today affirmed the decree of Judge John B. Cleveland, of the Circuit Court of Multnomah County, in the case of the State against Joe Young, who was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon on the person of Van Dran, in Portland, three years ago, and is now serving a sentence of six years in the penitentiary.

Conditions for releasing were denied in other cases as follows:

Reception to R. A. Booth.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—A public reception was given Hon. R. A. Booth and wife at the Commercial Club parlors here tonight.

Scores of their friends were in attendance and the evening spent was a most enjoyable one.

Attempt at Suicide Fails.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Charles Roberts, a Eugene hotel porter, last evening, after carefully preparing a comat suicide, tried up an lemon extract and other ingredients and was dead to the world until a late hour today, when he came to sufficiently to take the north-bound train.

He left a note addressed to his employer, giving details as to where to find his people.

Deliver Right-of-Way Deeds.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Deeds were filed today from the owners to the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway for the land through which the Eugene-Springfield trolley line is being built.

Several hundred dollars was paid for the right of way. The deeds and ties are complete from Eugene to the river at Springfield.

Committed to Asylum.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary A. Riggle, a widow, aged 58, of Selo, Or., and a nurse by occupation, was committed to the State Insane Asylum by County Judge J. N. Duncan today, upon complaint of W. J. Durden, her son-in-law.

The cause of insanity was religious and nervous excitement.

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Yacht Sails From Hill.

HONOLULU, Aug. 4.—The yacht Lurline, of the South Coast Yacht Club of San Pedro, Cal., and the Greenwood, of the Seattle Yacht Club, sailed yesterday from Hill to the Pacific Coast.

FRUIT DISPLAY JARS ONLY COMPLETE LINE IN CITY. Table listing various jar sizes and prices. Includes an illustration of a jar.

WOODLARK GRAPE JUICE At Reduced Prices. Woodlark Grape Juice—an excellent hot weather food, beverage and thirst quencher—for old and young.

SHOE DRESSING WHITE CANVAS SHOE POLISH. Table listing shoe polish products and prices.

PHOTO PAPER PRICES CUT. Table listing photo paper products and prices.

WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. FOURTH AND WASHINGTON. EXCHANGE 11 HOME A 6171

CAMPING NEAR ST. HELENS MAZAMA PARTY READY TO CLIMB SNOWPEAK. Sleeping in Open Air is Enjoyable Feature of Club's Summer Outing in Cascades.

WOMEN TO IMPROVE CITY Wives of Yale Business Men Organize Civic League.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF EAST SIDE BANK OF PORTLAND, At Portland, Oregon, July 15, 1908.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their amounts.

True Flavors You have never tasted real Corn Flakes if you never ate KORN-KINKS. The food that is all food. Made of the choicest white corn.

DR. PRICE'S FLAVORING Extracts. Table listing various flavoring extracts and their prices.