

WOODS ON FIRE AT GRANTS PASS

Hundred Volunteers Fight Flames and Save Several Farmhouses.

BRILLIANT NIGHT SCENE

Blazing High Into Air, Fire Illuminates Whole City—Heaviest Damage So Far Is in Loss of Wood and Fences.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—This city is surrounded by fire on every side. Monday night a fire escaped from the Chaussee place, just outside the city limits, and has been burning over the hills in a most spectacular manner. Today it crested itself and swept around the south hill slope in a menacing manner and threatened to burn up the farm houses of Morris, Scoville and Morrison and other ranchers on the north and east side of the county road in that vicinity.

The buildings were saved by back firing, and the damage was not great outside of fences and a few outbuildings. This morning about 4 o'clock a number of citizens volunteered to go out and do what seemed best and by noon the number had been increased to 100. In several instances, in its rapid stride of destruction, the fire leaped among pines and shot skyward 200 feet, illuminating at night the whole town.

By hard work the I. O. O. F. Cemetery has been saved and it is thought that Jones Creek Valley is out of danger. The heaviest damage is to wood and fences. About 50 men are stationed along the northern part of the city limits to prevent the fire creeping into the suburbs.

FIRES APPROACH BIG TREES

Flames Leap Streams and Do Much Damage in California.

STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Fanned by strong wind, the fire which is causing the ranchers and cattlemen of Tuolumne and Calaveras counties a lot of trouble swept over a large area and consumed a lot of pasture along with a number of buildings and fences. It started along the south fork of the Stanislaus River and swept across a wide strip of country northward near Groveland.

In the past 48 hours the flames have jumped seven streams and are still doing a lot of damage. Every man and youth in the large district has been called out and it is estimated that fully 600 are at present fighting the conflagration. In case of the wind subsiding they may check the fire or turn it into a district where it cannot do much damage.

It was reported that a long section of the Union Construction Company flume had been destroyed, but this is a mistake. A late report tonight was that the fire had changed and was moving up the south fork of the Stanislaus River in an easterly direction, and it is believed it will be brought under control today.

A fire is reported near the south grove of the big trees in Calaveras county, which threatens to destroy the National forest. Arrangements have been made to remove women and children. Hundreds of men are trying to get under control and it is reported within a quarter of a mile of the reservation.

FIRE IN CASCADE RESERVE

Blaze Near Detroit Reported to Have Entered Green Timber.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The forest fire started on the headwaters of the Clackamas, near the Marion County line, over a week ago, have been burning furiously ever since and are still beyond control. The area covered by the fire has increased considerably, as the fire advanced in a southerly and easterly direction and scattered somewhat, reaching up narrow valleys and favorable slopes of the mountains. The flames and smoke can be seen from Detroit, near the tops of the ridges, which divide the waters of the Breitenbach from the Little North Fork of the Santiam.

The greater part of the area burned over was dead timber, but the fires are now consuming some green timber and unless they can be got under control, much valuable timber will be destroyed. This fire is entirely in the Cascade Forest Reserve, and a number of rangers are trying to gain control of the fire. Tommy Watkins, a well-known cruiser, and several assistants left here this morning to help the rangers in the unequal combat.

LOSSES LIGHT AT ABERDEEN

Senator Polson Declares, However, That Fire Danger Is Not Over.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Mayor France, who is largely interested in lumber, and A. P. Stockwell, of Eastern Lumber Company, say that the reports of great damage to the timber of this section have been exaggerated. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Turner, who came in today from the Wenatchee River district, where fires have been running, say that outside of the probable loss of timber on section 2, owned by the Weyerhaeuser, there has been no loss in that part of the country and that no settlers have suffered.

State Senator Polson, of Hoquiam, who was in the city today, declared that the alarming danger from the fires has at least not been over-estimated, while perhaps the losses up to this time are not so serious, but that the danger is not over by any means and that the coming up of a west wind will make trouble again. The Polson Company has had many men at work for days back-fighting the fire.

Several Homes Threatened.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A brush fire which broke in the south of Milton Heights has reached a 60-acre slash and this afternoon spread beyond control. Several tracts of green timber and a logging outfit, including a donkey engine, are threatened. The fire is gradually working north, and if the wind should continue in the south, several homes, without a source of water supply, may be burned.

CLARK COUNTY NOMINEES

Democrats' Central Committee Puts Ticket in Field for Primaries.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Democratic

County Central Committee yesterday they decided to place a full ticket in the field for the primary election in September. The names of the different candidates are: Foster Hadden, State Senator; Judge Abe Axtell, of this city, and A. T. Coffey, of LaCamas, Representatives; Charles Daly, Sheriff; Oscar McCann, Clerk; E. M. Green, Prosecuting Attorney; Webber Abbott, Auditor; A. C. Reinhardt, School Superintendent; J. M. Hough, Assessor; M. G. Lisher, Surveyor; Dr. R. D. Wiswall, Coroner; J. W. Entwistle, Commissioner Third District; George Simson, Justice of the Peace for the city; George E. Thompson, Constable for Vancouver; Frank Marbo, Commissioner for the First district.

Portland Firm Gets Contract.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Oregon City School Board let the contract for the construction of the addition to the Eastman School building to the Portland firm of Parsons & Varney, of Portland, for \$4651, and gave them 60 days in which to complete the contract. This will place the addition in shape for opening two weeks after the school opens. The work of putting in the new ventilating and heating system in the same building is to be done by W. G. McPherson, also of Portland.

PACIFIC'S TAXES ARE CUT

EFFORTS TO RAISE VALUATIONS MEET OPPOSITION.

Taxpayers' League Succeeds in Pounding Down Assessments and County Board Yields.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Efforts of Pacific County's Board of Equalization to raise assessed valuations 20 per cent were put to rest today by pressure from the Taxpayers' League. Members of the league spent the entire day with the County Board, hammering down assessments on timber lands. In the end they were successful.

The league's demand was that the timber assessment, which was fixed by the Assessor at from \$1 to \$2.50 per 100 feet, according to quality, should be cut two and the valuation then fixed at 60 per cent of the remainder. This was the result secured.

Other taxpayers will now demand that their valuations be fixed at 60 per cent of the original assessment, and this must be done in order to make an equitable assessment.

This was done after hundreds of notices to taxpayers had been sent out notifying them that August 18 had been selected as the day for hearing protests against the 100 per cent raise in real estate valuations. It was at first given out that the Taxpayers' League was an organization for the purpose of promoting the election of irreproachable candidates for county offices regardless of political affiliations, and coming as it did directly after the exposure of an alleged official fraud in this county, it was hailed as a long step in the right direction. Now, however, as it is known that "taxpayers' league" have been organized in all, or nearly all, of the timber counties, it is thought to be a concerted movement on the part of mill and timber owners to force down the timber valuations in these counties.

DEATH ROLL IN NORTHWEST

Hugh Herron, Pioneer and Prominent Benton County Farmer.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Hugh Herron, a pioneer farmer of Benton County, died this morning after an illness of more than four months. Mr. Herron was born in County Down, Ireland, in December, 1828. He emigrated to America with his mother at the age of 11 and moved to Oregon in 1862. In 1866 he purchased of Hartlow Bond the beautiful farm of 25 acres on which he has since resided. He leaves a wife and five children and was known as one of Benton County's most honorable citizens. The funeral will occur Sunday at McFarland chapel.

Oregon City School Teachers.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The grade assignments of public school teachers for the coming year are as follows:

High School—Gertrude Nefer, English and Latin; Robert Goetz, assistant principal, mathematics and history; W. C. McKee, City Superintendent, science.

Harvard Building—Margaret Williams, first grade; Harriet Cochran, second grade; Elizabeth Kelly, third grade; Pearl G. Cartledge, fourth grade; Helen Brobst, fifth grade; Edith Karr, sixth grade.

Eastham Building—Helen F. Ortes, first grade; Marjorie Caulfield, second grade; Laura Hope, third grade; Emily O'Malley, fourth grade; Irene Carter, fifth grade; Daisy Spaulding, sixth and seventh grades; Ida Mae Smith, seventh grade; A. K. Hill, principal, eighth grade.

Meeker Celebrates With Pioneers.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 7.—Nine thousand people are attending the annual picnic of the Northwest Washington Pioneers Association at Pioneer Park, Ferndale, today. Twelve men and women who came to Whatcom County in 1854 are present. The parade this morning was led by Ezra Meeker, driving the continent which he crossed the continent to Washington last year. Senator Piles made the principal address.

Clackamas Summer School Closes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Summer Normal School conducted by Professor T. J. Gary, assisted by Professor L. A. Read, of Gladstone, and Professor Howard Eccles, of Canby, closed this afternoon at the Bardsley schoolhouse. The school was one of the most successful ever held in this city. There were 42 teachers of Clackamas County in attendance.

Pind Ties Piled on Track.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 7.—An attempt to wreck the Northern Pacific passenger train due here at 9:30 last night was made at Sunnyside, on Lake Whatcom, a few miles southeast of this city. A section foreman found huge piles of ties and railway iron on the track and flagged the train.

Houses Scarce at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—There is a demand for desirable houses in this city. The building of the new paper mills here will bring more people to this city and more houses will have to be built to accommodate them. Very few vacant houses are to be found.

Teal and Loggie Delegates.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain has appointed J. N. Teal, of Portland, and Peter Loggie, of North Bend, delegates to the Lakes-to-the-Gulf conference to be held in Chicago October 7.

Big Apple Crop in Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 7.—State Horticultural Commissioner Hundt says the Washington apple crop will be immense and of good quality.

TIMBER TAX VALID

Columbia County Wins Fight With Lumbermen.

ASSESSOR'S GOOD RECORD

In Six Years Valuations Have Increased 600 Per Cent—All Property Owners Assessed Near as Possible on Cash Value Basis.

ST. HELENS, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Judge McBride today rendered his decision in five important tax cases brought by the Blodgett Company, the O. K. Logging Company, the Western Timber Company, John West and the Benton Logging Company. In the first three cases the decision is that the assessment is just and equitable and the costs are assessed against the plaintiffs. In the West case and in the Benson case the assessment was reduced only so far as it applied to certain tracts of land, the assessor having based his values upon the location of the timber upon the Columbia or the Nehalem side of the divide. The judge holds that the West tract and the west half of township 11, range 3 west of the Benson Company's timber, should be given the Nehalem valuation. All of the companies had paid their taxes under protest, and it is thought there will be no appeal.

This is a decided victory for Columbia County, and especially for Assessor Laws, who has stood with Sigler of Multnomah and Straub of Clatsop in their fight to uphold the law requiring that all property shall be assessed at its true cash value.



A. T. Laws, Assessor of Columbia County.

The question of the taxation of timber lands in Columbia County was the great issue in the last primaries and general election. There were five candidates for the Assessorship, and the timber owners, with a few honorable exceptions, massed their forces against Mr. Laws and in favor of one of his opponents, whom they thought stood the best chance of defeating him. They succeeded at the primaries by one vote, but public sentiment was such that the Republican nominee was defeated by his Democratic opponent in the general election. It is thought a majority of over 700. The Democratic nominee for Judge was also elected as a result of the strong feeling against the interference of the Portland timber-land owners.

That Assessor Laws has not been influenced by a desire to oppress any class of property-owners is shown by the fact that, as a rule, and excepting errors of judgment, he has pursued the same course with all classes of property. The railroad right of way, which in 1907 was assessed at the ridiculously low figure of \$2000 per mile, is placed in 1907 at \$40,000 per mile. Tillable land, assessed in 1901 at \$15 per acre, now figures at \$50 per acre, which is much nearer its full cash value than the figures now placed on timber land. The total valuation of the county has been raised in six years from \$1,630,922 to \$16,736,658, or 900 per cent. Of course the actual value of the property has greatly increased in that time, but by far the greater portion of the increase is due to Assessor Laws' determination to comply with the law and his oath of office. As he holds office until January next and will be succeeded by a man who was elected in opposition to the timber owners there is no doubt, unless the decision of Justice Galloway is sustained and the old method of apportioning state taxes re-enacted, that all property in Columbia County, barring errors of judgment, will be assessed for four years to come at its true cash value.

CLIMB TWO MOUNTAINS

Party of Mazamas Scales Lesser Peaks Near St. Helens.

BY ELEANOR M. GARDNER. CAMP CHELUNK, Spirit Lake, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Messrs. Whittie, Gammans and Fredie climbed Mount Ellnor on Tuesday. This is the highest peak here excepting, of course, Mount St. Helens. Mount Ellnor is over 7000 feet, according to a recent geological survey. They found it a hard climb, but made it after some difficulty and then, not content with this feat, immediately made the ascent of Mount Margaret, a nearby peak. They found some snow and had their first slide down the mountain side.

They brought into camp a large bouquet of the various flowers found on Mount Ellnor. Among these were trillium, spiraea, valerian, rock rose, etc. There are two young ladies in the camp named Eleanor, and the bouquet was presented to them by the climbers.

Honors for Captain Robertson.

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Fire Destroys Gold-Dredger.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 7.—The Shasta Dredging Company's gold dredger at Hordening, 14 miles southwest of Redding, was destroyed by fire last night, causing a loss of \$125,000, with \$40,000 insurance. The dredger had been in successful operation only two months. The fire was caused by the transformers on the boat burning out. A similar craft valued at \$100,000, was burned at the same place three years ago.

Citizens Form Own Water Company.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Aggrieved over the failure of

the Rogue River Water Company to furnish them water for domestic and sewer purposes, the residents of Lincoln Park Addition have incorporated a company and have gone before the Common Council to ask for a franchise for a period of 50 years. The organization will spend considerable capital, and when the plant is installed will be able to furnish water, pure and cold, from deep wells, for the inhabitants and for city use.

ROBBED BY ITS OWN MEN

Employee Seattle Transfer Company Accused of Thefts.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—William Miller, assistant foreman of the checking department of the Seattle Transfer Company, is under arrest charged with embezzlement. He has confessed to the theft of a small sum, but it is stated that the total amount of his pilferage has been over \$10,000. It is stated by the Transfer Company that the existence of an organization of employees engaged in robbing their employers has been developed. For months the thefts have been going on. Falsified accounts, rifled bags and even opened trunks were some of the methods employed. Miller admits a small theft, but will not implicate any one else, he says he is "wise" and refuses to talk further.

PHOTOGRAPH BEER BARREL

W. C. T. U. Gathers Evidence Against Pullman Professor.

PULLMAN, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The board of regents of Washington State College adjourned last evening and Bernard and Brown left for the homes of Johnson, Anderson and McGregor, remained in town tonight and are investigating charges made by the local W. C. T. U. against Professor Charles Timblin, head of the preparatory department. The nature of only one charge is known. That is that Timblin received a shipment of a barrel of bottled beer from a Spokane brewery and it was taken to his home. Photographs of the barrel and the label on it were secured in the freight depot before it had been taken to Professor Timblin's house.

PUMP WATER FROM ROGUE

Irrigation Project Being Investigated at Grants Pass.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—G. I. Brown, a civil engineer, and several capitalists, are in this city looking over the valley below town with a view of putting in an irrigation system. The promoters have acquired the dam across Rogue River, and the power plant of the old Grants Pass New Water, Light & Power Company, and it is proposed to pump the water to the required elevation and hold it in storage as needed for the farmers below.

PASO LIGHT PLANT BURNS

City in Darkness as Result of Fire. Damage \$51,000.

PASO, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Shortly after 5 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the Northern Pacific light and power plant. A strong south wind aided the flames, and before the local department could arrive the scene of the fire the entire plant was doomed. As the plant furnished both light and power for the city, Paso is thrown into darkness tonight. The plant was valued at \$51,000, and was partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FORCED OFF GOLF LINKS

Fort Lawton Soldiers Retreat Before Invasion of Mosquitoes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Officers at Fort Lawton have been compelled to abandon the golf links and tennis courts and other outdoor games on account of the millions of mosquitoes that are this year more numerous than ever before. The sentries and men on fatigue duty are compelled to wear hoods and mosquito nets. A child of the officers at the post do likewise when at play.

Paying 80 Cents for Weston Wheat.

WESTON, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Eighty cents for No. 1 wheat was offered yesterday by local buyers and resulted in the sale about 23,000 bushels. S. A. Barnes, agent of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, bought about 12,000 bushels, which included the lots of Alex. W. Brown, Mrs. L. McMorris, W. H. Booker and others. Frank Price bought the following lots for the Kerr-Gifford Company: J. N. York, 3000 bushels; J. C. and Otto Turner, 2000 sacks; A. J. McIntyre, 1800 sacks; James Ritchey, 900 sacks.

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- 50 feet Columbia Rubber, 1/2-inch; regular price \$5.50, sale.....\$4.48
- 50 ft. "Woodlark" Rubber, 3/4-in.; regular price \$7.00, sale.....\$5.59
- 50 ft. "Woodlark" Rubber, 1/2-in.; regular price \$6.50, sale.....\$4.98
- 25 feet Superior Rubber, 3/4-inch; regular price \$3.50, sale.....\$2.38
- 25 feet Superior Rubber, 1/2-inch; regular price \$3.25, sale.....\$2.19

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PRaises 1909 FAIR

Governor Chamberlain Says It Will Be Great Success.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The work of tearing down the scaffolding about the building had begun before Governor Chamberlain's arrival. Practically all the staff has been put on and the exterior is about completed.

VISITS OREGON BUILDING

Declares This State's Exhibit Will Eclipse Anything Shown at Seattle Exposition Next Year.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Governor George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, accompanied by W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon State Commission; D. C. Lewis, architect of the Oregon Building, and E. W. Rowe, a member of the State Commission, visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition site today and were escorted about the grounds by a party of fair officials.

TO Guard Taxpayers' Institute.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Councilmen McTaggart, Homan and Hoag have filed their credentials and will constitute the Hoquiam committee to sit with the Chehalis County Board of Equalization, which meets next Monday.

New Town on Oregon Electric.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Oregon Nursery Company is laying out a new town on its \$100,000 holdings three miles east of this city, and one of the best stipulations in property sold is that no liquor shall be offered for sale. The name of the prospective town is Oregon, and it is on the line of the Oregon Electric.

LUNCHEON FORCED ON BOA

Milk, Eggs, Sugar and Cognac Is Poured Into Scorching Reptile.

Old-Time Placer Miner Gone.

CANYON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—Jack Woolsey, one of the early pioneers of Grant County, died Monday at the home of the county poor near this city. He came to Canyon Creek during the early mining days and is known to all those who were engaged in mining here at that time.

Advertisement for Uneda Biscuit, featuring 'Soda Crackers with crack to them', 'Soda Crackers with snap to them', and 'Soda Crackers with taste to them'. Price 5c per package.

Boy Lights Powder; Face Lacerated. JACKSONVILLE, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The 11-year-old son of H. D. Kubil, of Applegate, was badly injured yesterday by the explosion of a pound of powder he had poured into a pan to which he had touched a lighted match. The boy's face is burned and mangled and his eyesight endangered.