

LOSS BY FOREST FIRES IS SLIGHT

Damage to Standing Timber This Summer Far Less Than Previous Years.

MANY WARDENS AT WORK

Federal and State Authorities Report That Public Interest Has Been Aroused to Importance of Protection.

Oregon has been exceptionally fortunate in absence of forest fires this year and unless there is some new outbreak, which is believed unlikely at this period of the season, the year will probably show the best record of any in a decade.

At the Portland office of the Government Forestry Service, the Oregon Conservation Association and State Board of Forestry it is said that reports of fires received are few and the damage caused has been infinitesimal in comparison with the losses by timber fires in some previous years.

In some other years the losses have figured into the millions of dollars; this year they will be estimated in a few thousands. Until the forestry law of Oregon was put in force Oregon lost annually approximately 1,000,000 feet of timber of a stumpage value of \$2,000,000 and which if saved into lumber would have meant a revenue to the community of \$1,000,000.

Report for Last Year.

The last report of the State Board of Forestry shows that in the closed season of 1908 there were 120 fires which burned over an area of 123 acres. In the same period of 1908, which was the driest in the history of the state, the number of fires was kept down to 100 and the acreage burned over was 22,572.

The report of the State Board does not give the value of the burned timber but states that the losses were nominal in the majority of cases. During these two years the forestry law was in effect and fire wardens were engaged throughout the state in extinguishing small and incipient fires.

The report of the Government Forestry Service for 1908 shows that in Oregon and Washington there were 460 fires that damaged Government timber by burning over 42,516 acres. The losses in these fires were nominal also, the feet of timber destroyed aggregating 61,990, having a value of \$101,308. It is probable that the timber losses in private holdings in Oregon did not equal that amount. In the National forests in Oregon, this year, the most extensive fires have occurred in the Oregon National reserve in the vicinity of Mount Hood.

Data on Oregon Fires.

In the latter part of June and the early part of July 400 acres were burned over and 55,000 feet of timber destroyed. From August 4 to 11 a fire burned over 200 acres. From August 20 to 21 another fire burned the timber on 20 acres. There were two other fires in the same range in August but only as to the July fire has a full report been received. The fire in Washington exceeded those in Oregon in extent this year but full reports have not yet been received. The most serious were in Kittitas, Chelan and Lewis counties.

In private holdings a fire of some consequence has been reported burning in the vicinity of Cottage Grove on the Rowle River but its extent is not known. Another is now burning in the southern part of Douglas County but so far has been confined to cut-over lands principally. Forest rangers are busy keeping it out of the National forests in that vicinity.

According to A. B. Wastell, secretary of the State Board of Forestry and also secretary of the Oregon Conservation Association, wardens have been doing by arousing public interest in the forest fire danger. Whereas the state had 135 forest fire wardens in the field last year it has approximately 200 this year. These men work without pay from the state as the appropriation for the work of the Board is only \$50 for the fiscal year ending in 1910. The warden's sum is expended for postage in sending out circulars and copies of the forest fire law and in stenographer's fees. The Conservation Association is working in conjunction with the State Board and is sending out many circulars. The interest of road supervisors in the timbered districts has been aroused and many of these are qualified forest fire wardens with authority to make arrests for violations of the law and to issue permits during the closed season to burn slashings. The closed season extends from June 1 to September 30.

Chief Causes of Damage.

Lightning, campers and hunters are responsible for most of the forest fires, according to the Government and state reports. In the 40 fires reported to the Forestry Department in Oregon and Washington last year 123 were set by lightning, 121 by campers, ten by railroad engines, 5 were incendiary, 19 were spread from brush fires and the cause of 36 was unknown.

In the 130 forest fires reported to the State Board in Oregon in 1908, 18 were set by lightning, nine by campers, 21 by hunters, 23 were incendiary, five were caused by logging engines and the balance from miscellaneous and unknown causes.

"A big forest fire always has a small beginning," said E. T. Allen, district forester, yesterday. "A small fire may burn and smolder for a long period without doing much damage but when conditions become just right, such as the wind, heat and dry weather, it spreads rapidly. The secret in forest fire protection is in putting out the small fires and in educating the people as to the danger in them."

Both Mr. Allen and Mr. Wastell agree that the danger from forest fires is practically over for this year.

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SPANTON IS IN LEAD

Injunction Withholding Poorfarm Deed Is Dissolved.

BOLLAM LOSES HIS CASE

Judge Bronaugh Holds Commissioners Did Not Act in Collusion. Lightner and Barnes Not Sure as to Outcome.

The temporary injunction restraining the County Court from giving William A. Spanton a deed to the old County Poorfarm was dissolved by Presiding Circuit Judge Bronaugh late yesterday afternoon. Attorney E. V. Littlefield, representing Frank Bollam, the plaintiff, offered to file a batch of affidavits in support of the complaint, but Judge Bronaugh decided that these should have been filed at the same time as the complaint. Exception to the court's ruling was taken, and the affidavits placed in the hands of Deputy County Clerk Bueh to show that they were tendered.

In dissolving the injunction Judge Bronaugh said there is no allegation in the complaint that the County Court, when it awarded the contract of purchase to Spanton, was acting ultra vires, and no allegation that the members of the County Court were in any way parties to any alleged collusion. As the answer of the defendant denies Bollam's charge of collusion to prevent or restrain bidding, the court's ruling was that the injunction cannot hold until the complaint is proven. Bollam submitted a demurrer to the defendant's answer, but this was overruled, and Attorney Littlefield took a week in which to reply.

Besides the County Court, the defendants in the case are H. R. Reynolds, B. M. Lombard, W. A. Spanton, D. E. Keasey, Freda Jacobs, Harry L. Snydam and the United States Trust Company, a holding company formed to take charge of the Poorfarm property. The affidavits produced yesterday are signed by Bollam, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Ira T. Beaman, Attorney George W. Joseph and Attorney Berry E. Haney. Dr. Andrew C. Smith alleges that on June 29 last Reynolds asked him to assist in financing the Poorfarm purchase, saying

that Lombard placed a bid, and that Spanton overbid him. Smith alleges further that Reynolds told him Lombard went to Spanton about 10 o'clock the morning the bids were to be opened by the County Court and showed Spanton a check for a large amount, as well as a bid, and told him that unless he (Lombard) were permitted to have a part in the deal he would place the higher bid. Reynolds told Dr. Smith, states the latter, that what has since come to be known as the "gentlemen's agreement" was drawn up that morning simply because of Lombard's threat.

Esseman's affidavit is to the effect that Reynolds told him while standing at the corner of Seventh and Alder streets that he knew of a plan whereby they could squeeze Keasey out of the deal, and that when this was accomplished he would be glad to take in Dr. Smith. Attorney Joseph's affidavit is similar to that of Dr. Smith. He alleges that Reynolds came to his office and informed him that Lombard or Jacobs threatened to make an increased bid for the Poorfarm, and that the agreement was signed the morning the bids were opened to prevent further bidding.

Attorney Haney states he was in Joseph's office and heard Reynolds' statement, and understood that Lombard was on his way to the courthouse with his bid, when he was intercepted by Spanton. County Judge Webster and County Commissioner Lightner were asked last night if the deed will now be issued to Spanton, or to the United States Trust Company, and both said they were not aware that the injunction had been dissolved. Both were served with legal papers yesterday afternoon, but neither had looked at them, each said, and did not know their contents.

STATE GAINS A DELAY

ARGUMENT IN REAL CASE TO BE HEARD TODAY.

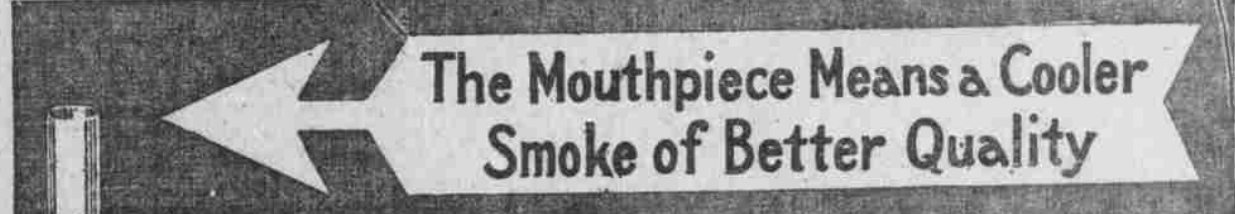
Indictments Against Mrs. Maddux and Rodman May Follow—Girl Witness Held in Jail.

The state, represented by Assistant District Attorney Vreeland, is victor in the first round of the battle for the liberty of Mrs. Hazel Maddux and Frank E. Rodman, being held in the County Jail in connection with the Real auto murder. Presiding Judge Bronaugh, in the Circuit Court yesterday morning, granted the motion of Vreeland to continue the hearing on the application for the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus. Scheduled for hearing yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the procedure was continued until this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The application was filed late Tuesday evening by George W. Caldwell, attorney for the prisoners. The delay was sought by the District Attorney's office. It is said to give the grand jury more time for its investigations into the details of the evidence pointing suspicion toward the pair. These details, it was further stated, are only being investigated to substantiate the story reported to have been told by Miss Ethel Voss, foster daughter of Mrs. H. Bissner, of 874 Savier street. Mrs. H. Bissner is the mother of Mrs.

Rudolph Becker, Jr., who, it is reported, told the grand jury the full story of the killing of Mrs. May Real as related to her by Mrs. Maddux and involving Rodman. Further evidence showing the im-

portance of Miss Voss as a witness developed yesterday morning when she was arrested by Deputy Constable Kierman at the instance of District Attorney Cameron and held under \$500 bail as a witness. The bail was furnished

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