

FIVE-MILE TRENCH STOPS FOREST FIRE

Employees of Lumber Company Held to Blame for Spread on Santiam.

ANOTHER FIRE RUNS OUT

Failure to Communicate With Green Timber Starts Investigation of Possible New Practice of Burning Slashings.

After causing the loss of three lives and destroying 3,000,000 feet of timber and machinery valued at \$500, the Santiam forest fire yesterday reported to be under control. It was checked by the digging of five miles of trenches which prevented further spread of the flames among the humus covering of the soil. The fire started on July 19, near Hoover, on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, and is said to have been the result of carelessness on the part of employees of the Hoover Lumber Company, which is the greatest loser. Employees of the company failed to clear a space around the donkey engine or to connect the water hose which is kept as a snare against forest fire. The men are said to have lost their heads in attempting to couple the hose, the entire plant being burned. Seventy men were employed in fighting the fire, Forest Supervisor Sherrard being in charge of the work.

After running 14 miles during the first hour following its inception, the great Wind River conflagration which began on the morning of July 13 has been controlled without fire damage to green timber. It started after the men of the Wind River Lumber Company had been called to lunch, and with a terrific wind behind it the fire spread with great speed from brush heap to brush heap and raced through the space over which the company had been engaged in logging.

It is said by forest service officials that every time the flames ran up to the line of green standing timber they were checked by the natural condition of the trees. At this season of the year the needles, cones and limbs of the pines are full of sap and did not burn. The case is being investigated on the theory that 1910 may be an abnormal year. If it is found that sap always runs so freely at this season, it is probable that the burning of slashings will be made in the summer instead of the fall.

It has been the practice to burn and clear the ground in the latter part of September of each year, but the rainy season coming on has usually left the brush heaps about half consumed. The Wind River fire confined itself to brush heaps and old snags.

Indians are said to have been responsible for the great fire now raging on the east side of Mount Jefferson on the Metolius River. It is the most dangerous fire now known in the state, but it is not believed that it will cross the range and consume the great fir forests of the western slope. The district is more or less isolated, the greater part of the burned-over area being on the Warm Springs reservation.

BIRTHPLACE IS CHANGED

Contractor Who Voted as Illinois Native Was Born in England.

After registering for four years as a native of Illinois, P. W. Bathie, Jr., a contractor, suddenly changed his birthplace yesterday to England. Bathie, who is 42 years old, and lives at 61 East Tenth street, went to the courthouse yesterday to register. All went well until Deputy County Clerk Allen asked him his birthplace.

"I was born in England," promptly responded Bathie.

"Did you bring your naturalization papers?" asked the deputy.

"No, but I registered here at the last election and didn't have to have my papers."

Investigation showed that on two previous occasions Bathie had perjured himself, the man replied.

"O, well, I'll take a chance at it anyway." He said he is a Republican.

The total registration to date is 18,773, there being 12,858 Republicans, 2317 Democrats and 1683 miscellaneous. At this time last year there were 14,306 names on the registration books, 11,009 Republicans, 2566 Democrats and 733 miscellaneous.

CARP FLOAT FROM CELLAR

Fisherman Forgets to Turn Off Water; Fish Return Home.

W. C. Letcke, United States light-house architect, had occasion recently to visit the lighthouse at the mouth of the Willamette River, which is known as the best carp-fishing place in Oregon, and had proposed to bring some carp to his friend, Dr. C. R. Holt. Mrs. Holt had made preparations for the reception of the fish, but neither Mr. Letcke nor carp came at the appointed time. Mr. Letcke had been called away suddenly on business, and the carp, which weighed 25 pounds, not being able to reach Dr. Holt by telephone or to deliver the carp, he put them in a tub in the basement of his home and turned on the water. The tub was crowded at first, but soon the tub filled and then the basement filled. Mr. Letcke had forgotten to turn off the water.

After his return he searched for the carp among the floating slabwood and potatoes, but they had escaped through the open window into a neighbor's yard and to the river.

MARKET BLOCK IS PROBLEM

New City Hall or Auditorium Are Among Suggested Uses.

Now that the city is to regain possession of the city market property which was so long in the clutches of franchise-holders, what disposition is to be made of the grounds that will redound to the best interests of the municipality is engaging earnest consideration of both city officials and taxpayers.

The block is 200 feet square and bounded by Second, Third, Clay and Market streets, is located in a district where values are constantly increasing. Its present value is estimated to be around \$200,000. It has been suggested that it be improved and held as an investment. Some hold that the site would be admirable for the proposed auditorium, while others believe that no better use could be

made of the ground than to build a city hall large enough to house all the important city departments for years to come.

Mayor Simon says the disposition of the property will require serious thought and that nothing definite can be announced until every phase of the matter is thoroughly looked into.

It is the opinion of City Attorney Grant that it would be a practical move to sell the present City Hall property and construct a six-story building on the market block. A building of such dimensions would, he believes, be large enough to accommodate all the departments, the advantage being that it would centralize municipal business, and be more convenient for all having transactions with the city.

As it will be 90 days before the city will have absolute possession of the property, it is expected that tangible plans will be agreed upon in the meantime that will meet with general approval.

W. C. MOORE IS SECRETARY

Sellwood Christian Association to Push Work on New Home.



W. C. Moore, who has been elected general secretary of the Sellwood Christian Association.

W. C. Moore, social secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was elected general secretary of the Sellwood branch of the Association by the board of managers Wednesday night. Mr. Moore has been connected with the city Association for the past three years. He was endorsed for the new place by General Secretary Stone, Field Secretary Rhodes and others. He has been closely identified with the Sellwood branch from the start and assisted Field Secretary Rhodes and the local organization in the campaign for funds for the new building.

Mr. Moore said yesterday that he considered the outlook excellent for the new work, which will be conducted, he said, along the same lines as that of the city Association—religious, physical and educational, but in keeping with local conditions and the size of the new building. The first two branches will be made most important at first, and the educational classes will be taken up as soon as possible.

E. S. Babb was elected superintendent of construction for the new building, and work is to begin under his charge within a short time.

Rev. D. A. Thompson said yesterday that the new building would be frame construction and contain all the features needed in a Young Men's Christian Association. It will be finished January 1 and will cost \$17,000. Plans have been prepared and the foundation and swimming tank have been completed.

ROBBERS' ROOST IMMUNE

Victim of Fake Jewelry Salesman Can't Identify Assailant.

"I realize that this man is the proprietor of that robbers' roost down there, but unfortunately I have to let him go," said Judge Bennett yesterday in dismissing a charge of assault and battery against Arthur Cramwell, proprietor of a jewelry auction store on North Sixth street.

Cramwell was arrested upon the complaint of Fred Jacobs, a farmer, who said that when he refused to bid on an article offered for sale, he was assaulted and thrown out of the place. Jacobs could not identify Cramwell as the man who struck him, and the case was dismissed. John Smith, an employee of Cramwell, is held to answer to the same charge and will be tried later.

Police Sergeant Parker testified that the place was notorious for fake sales and that a large number of "cappers" were kept hanging around to encourage bidding.

Judge Bennett recommended to Chief of Police Cox yesterday that an officer should be stationed in front of this store to do the sole duty of warning and protecting the outwardly respectable suggestion is being considered.

GROUSE TO BE COPIOUS

Wallowa County is Teeming With Feathered and Big Game.

ENTERPRISE, Or., July 27.—The north and east section of Wallowa County will be a paradise for the hunter, beginning with August 15, when the grouse season opens. W. E. Hayes, a well-known cattleman of this county, came in from the Imnaha district yesterday and made the statement that in the 11 years of running cattle in that district he has not seen as many young grouse as have been observed by him there.

Similar reports come from the famous grouse country north of Troy and the Grand Ronde River, in this county. Mr. Hayes states that every grouse hen set by him this year has had from eight to 15 chicks.

The big game also will be unusually plentiful and scattered well over the county out of the Chessimus country, where the range riders are hauling out bears, cougars and bobcats.

Old Charge Revived.

ENTERPRISE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Judge Knowles, of the Circuit bench of this district, during the adjourned session just closed, ordered the apprehension of Thomas Tucker and the latter now is awaiting the decision of the State Supreme Court. The history of the case Tucker has had two years ago. Tucker at that time was charged with inciting a riot and with shooting a man through the leg at the Makin shearing plant, near here. He was tried and convicted at that time. The counsel for the defense neglected to file notice of appeal with the Supreme Court.

Trunks, suit cases and bags. Largest variety at Harris Trunk Co., 132 Sixth.

ARREST ENDS DRILL

Action Halts Until Event is Over, as Favor to Lodge.

While Fred C. McMullen drilled as a member of the crack Woodmen team from Fresno, Cal., at the Army last Tuesday night, he was watched and applauded by Postoffice Inspectors C. E. Webster, of California, and E. C. Clement, of Portland, who were waiting to take him into custody. The team was commanded by a Deputy Sheriff from Fresno who knew that McMullen would be immediately arrested, and who had snatched the event until after the contest, knowing that the occurrence would so badly disorganize his team that it would be useless to enter the contest for the silver cup.

POSTOFFICE CLERK THIEF

When Fresno Woodmen Complete Evolutions at Armory, Inspectors Take One of Number Into Custody—He Confesses.

McMullen is a postoffice clerk at Fresno, and the mysterious disappearance of a registered letter coincident with his departure for Portland fastened suspicion on the young man. As the drill team marched from the floor the inspectors took him into custody and marched him to the federal building. McMullen withstood an all-night sweating at their hands. The prisoner contended that he knew nothing about the letter or the money it contained.

Wednesday morning McMullen was turned over to Assistant United States Attorney Evans, his questioning soon entangling the young man in a hopeless confusion of statements. When he realized that he had crossed himself, McMullen broke down and confessed to a number of similar crimes. His last flight was of the sum of \$110, a large part of which McMullen expended in entertaining his friends from California.

Among other crimes admitted was the taking of stamps from the stamp window prepaid over by a young woman. A young woman was out at dinner and had forgotten to lock up her stamp rack. McMullen was at another stamp window and, noticing the omission made by the young woman, took a large number of stamps, which she was accountable, sold them at his own window and pocketed the proceeds.

After signing a confession, McMullen offered to voluntarily return to California, purchased his own ticket and boarded the train in company with Inspector Webster.

On account of the conviction of Woodmen in this city, an attempt was made by the officers to keep the matter from the public. McMullen has a wife and one child in Fresno.

PARDON OF STRAUS ASKED

United States District Attorney Will Consider Petition.

United States District Attorney McCullough will today consider a petition to the President for the pardon of "Dick" Straus, ex-cashier of the Portland Postoffice, and who was convicted of failure to account for postal funds.

The petition was filed yesterday and in addition to the names of some of the foremost citizens of the state, including Jay Bowlerman, assembly candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Oregon, it carried the signatures of 70 employees of the post-office who were friends of Straus. The petition was circulated by District Attorney Cameron, and recites that Straus is slowly losing his eyesight and that his health is breaking under confinement. Many letters are appended to the petition asking favorable action because of the loyalty of Mrs. Straus and consideration for the little daughter. Among the signers are:

J. Frank Watson, W. D. Wheelwright,

MAN ILL, TRIES SUICIDE

ARTHUR D. MARSHALL WILL RECOVER FROM WOUNDS.

Retired Real Estate Agent, Made Despondent by Continued Suffering, Shoots Himself.

Depressed by long-continued illness, Arthur D. Marshall, a retired real estate dealer living at 725 Welder street, attempted to commit suicide at his home yesterday morning, by shooting himself in the head. The bullet did not penetrate the skull, but ranged around it, and Mr. Marshall probably will recover speedily.

Mr. Marshall formerly had offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, but retired from business about two years ago on account of ill health. He has been under treatment three or four years for stomach trouble.

He was in an upstairs room at his home, lying in bed yesterday morning about 9:15 o'clock, Mrs. Marshall, who was in a lower room, heard two pistol shots and rushed upstairs to find her husband bleeding but conscious. One bullet had struck his wrist, while the other had entered the scalp behind the right ear and had plowed its way around to the back of the skull. E. E. Herrick, a neighbor, heard the shots and the cries of Mrs. Marshall and was the first to arrive. He called Drs. George Parrish and M. B. Marcellus, who attended the wounded man and sent him to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mr. Marshall was rational and talked briefly. He said that he could not understand how the first bullet had struck his wrist. It is believed that his sufferings had affected his mind. His family life was happy.

The wounded man has two children, a boy, Ogdan, aged 18, and a girl, Georgia, aged 12. He has two brothers in the city, W. H. Marshall, of 243 Holiday avenue and G. I. Marshall, who lives at the Nortonia Hotel. The family were at one time extensive property-owners in Portland.

FIRE PRECAUTION URGED

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE DISCUSSES TOPIC.

Outlying Districts Will Receive Attention—Owners of Sawmills Are Warned.

In order to take precautions against fires during the long dry period, the fire committee of the Executive Board yesterday discussed plans in a general way for the coming year. It is understood, will be given special attention at once.

Owners of sawmills and other plants will be asked to be more careful in guarding against fires, especially during the summer months. The attention of the committee was yesterday called to the practice of promiscuous dumping of refuse of an inflammable nature into sloughs in thickly settled districts. The assistant fire chief was instructed to investigate the matter, especially in the case of the East Side Slabwood Company, whose plant is located at the corner of Sixth and East Everett streets, at Sullivan's Gulch. According to the officer, this company had been dumping sawdust over the embankment and large quantities had been scattered on the hillside, greatly endangering the neighborhood with fires.

The rapidly-growing Kenton district was also a matter of discussion before the committee for better fire protection. Three lots have been offered the city for a fire station, at \$500 each. This matter will be acted upon today, and it is probable that the purchase of the property will be authorized.

Acceptance of the ordinance, granting the United Railways Company a franchise to extend its present line to Mount Calvary and setting the time limit for the completion of the line, was yesterday filed in the office of the City Auditor. The company is given until November 1, 1910, to construct the extension.

WORTHLESS PAPER SHOWS

Police Have Complaints of Passage of Confederate Bills.

The police are seeking the identity of the person or persons who are passing a quantity of Confederate money in this city. During the last week a dozen unsuspecting persons have been seized by detective headquarters, seeking advice and the probable recourse they might have to realize on Confederate bills which they changed or accepted as legal tender. The denominations of the bills range from \$5 to \$20. The paper was issued by the Planters & Traders Bank, of Georgia at the time of the Civil War.

The police warn everyone accustomed to handling paper bills to be on the alert for the sharpers who are purveying the worthless script.



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