

ONLY 3 BOXCARS STAND IN HOOVER

Boxcars Shot Down Grade During Heat of Fire Save Some Citizens' Property.

MANY PEOPLE HOMELESS

Citizens Obligated to Walk Over Two Miles to Detroit to Get Food. Danger to Section Is Said to Be Over Now.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Only three small dwellings along the bluff above the North Santiam River remain today of the sawmill town of Hoover, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, according to reports received here today of the fire which swept the town last night. The fire has gone into the timber beyond. Every building along the railroad track and the river was burned and nothing escaped but a few shacks on the hillside above. Only a pile of ashes and smouldering debris today marks the site of a sawmill with a capacity of 40,000 feet daily, an immense lumber yard, a large, well-equipped hotel, a general merchandise store, in which the Hoover Postoffice was located, and about 25 dwellings and bunkhouses. The loss is close to \$100,000. Communication with Hoover has been cut off all day and no statement of losses or insurance has been obtained from officers of the Hoover Lumber Company, owners of the burned village. Because of the high rate it is believed the amount of insurance carried by the mill company was small.

Cars Are Utilized. Not only did all of the buildings of the town burn but very little personal property of any kind was saved. The only things that escaped the flames were due to the fortunate fact that three empty boxcars were standing on the Corvallis & Eastern track when the fire broke out. While the buildings were burning, people carried their property out doors, but so hot was the fire and so plentiful were flying sparks and brands that the goods burned on the ground and it was seen that the only chance to save anything was to get it entirely out of the fire zone. The three boxcars were utilized and into them was thrown considerable of the stock of the Hoover store and post-office supplies. Some household goods from various dwellings were placed in the cars. The work of loading these cars was carried on until the cars were in danger of burning and then they were started down the track. Because of the heavy grade, they ran unassisted by motive power of kind two and a half miles into Detroit, where they stopped on a level stretch of track. No supplies were saved from the burning town, except those that went to Detroit on the boxcars. There was plenty of supplies in Detroit, however, so no food shortage existed and the only hardship the homeless people of Hoover experienced was in traveling two and a half miles for meals. The people of Detroit opened their homes to those who lost their homes, and were bearing town and provided them with both food and shelter.

NEW GOLD RUSH IS ON DISCOVERY IN EASTERN OREGON CAUSES STAMPEDE

Strike Is Said to Be Rich and Exotic From Ontario and Weiser Is Large. WEISER, Idaho, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The discovery of an extensive gold field 15 miles from this city, in Oregon, has caused a regular mining stampede from this city and Ontario, Or. Today 25 or 30 men left this city in automobiles for the new field and it is said that more than double that number have left Ontario. The discovery was made by two Weiser men June 20 and they kept the find so secret that but little was known of it until yesterday afternoon. Two assays taken from the claim of the discoverer, given by a Tacoma assayer, returned \$18 and \$102 per ton. More than 50 claims have been located already. The ore is a combination of black sand and decomposed granite, and is free milling. There is a good road from this city to the strike and automobiles made it in two hours. The district is very large, two or three miles wide and 15 to 20 miles long. The find is on the top of a high divide and the country is much cut up with deep gulches and precipitous cliffs. The excitement is intense here, and as every report from the district is encouraging, it is constantly increasing.

IDAHO FIRES BECOME SERIOUS RANGERS IN BLAZING FORESTS APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 2.—The forest fires in Western Montana and Idaho have assumed the most serious aspect since the first blazes were discovered 50 days ago. Forest officials here are almost overwhelmed with reports of new fires, old fires spreading and appeals for help from the rangers. Large crews have been organized and dispatched to the more serious blazes. Word was received that the fire on the St. Joe River in Idaho is eating its way into the Trout Creek district, having destroyed an area five miles wide and ten miles long. Copper Creek is still in the grasp of fires and 150 men have been assembled to march to the scene. On Hancock Creek flames have surrounded the Bullion Mining Company's property. In addition to the new fires which threaten the Lolo district, there are fires raging today at Drexel, Donlon and St. Regis Junction.

BOON SEEN IN FOREST FIRES JOHN MINTO SAYS FLAMES CLEAR WAY FOR PLANTING OF FINE ORCHARDS

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—John Minto, Oregon pioneer, and the man who practically introduced apples into the Willamette Valley, says that the forest fires near Hoover will make way for planting of some of the finest apple orchards in the Northwest. Mr. Minto is thoroughly familiar with that neighborhood, Minto Pass through the Cascades being one of his discoveries in the early years. He says the land is peculiarly adapted to the finest in apple culture.

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Another Convict Walks Away. SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Word was received at the Penitentiary today that Peter Hoops, who escaped from the institution July 18, has been caught in Nampa, Idaho, and an official from Clatsop County for assault with a deadly weapon, with six months to serve, walked away from the brickyard at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. He was working on the night shift as a trusty.

Salmon Valley Hay Crop Bumper. HUSUM, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The hay crop in the upper White Salmon Valley in the Trout Lake country is reported as being an average yield. With the present high prices quoted for timothy and clover, the ranchers will realize a much better income than last year. Timothy hay in the stack is selling for \$16 per ton, and timothy and clover mixed at \$14. Aside from being a crack dairy and hay country, over 30,000 bushels of wheat will be shipped from that region this season.

French Cruiser Invited. SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Acting-Governor Bowerman today directed

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a letter to Monsieur H. Meron, Consul-General of France, at San Francisco, calling attention to the presence of the French armored cruiser Montcalm in Puget Sound and requesting that the officers and men of the cruiser participate in the fifteenth annual regatta to be held at Astoria, August 23-24. Government May Settle Strike. MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—Officials of the Grand Trunk Railroad and representatives of the striking conductors and trainmen said today that negotiations were progressing. It was stated that the matter of settlement is in the hands of the Dominion government.

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