ONLY 3 BUILDINGS STAND IN HOOVER

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

MANY PEOPLE HOMELESS

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

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.-(Special.)-

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Only three small dwellings along the bluff above the North Sanitam River remain today of the sawmili town of Hoover, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern Ballroad, 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 shove. Only a pile of ashes and smouldering debris today marks the site of a sawmill with a capacity of 40,090 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 hunkhouses.

The loss is close to \$100,000. Commun cation with Hoover has been cut off all day and no statement of losses or insur-ance 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 insur-snce carried by the mill company was

Cars Are Utilized.

Not only did all of the buildings of the town burn but very little personal property of any kind was saved. That any escaped the flames was 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 cut doors, but so hot was the fire and so pientiful 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 postoffice supplies. Some household goods

into them was thrown considerable of the stock of the Hoover store and postoffice 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 everything in their neighboring town and provided them with both food and shelter.

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The first last night spread into the brush and timber adjoining the town and burned over the brush for almost a mile eastward, up the river. It is still smouldering along in the moss and running occasionally in the brush, but has not obtained sufficient momentum to run through the hig trees. There is no danger of a forest fire resulting from the Hoover conflagration unless

from the Hoover conflagration unless a heavy wind should arise.

There was more lumber in the Hoover yards than at any one time for months and the fire thus came at a time when it caused a heavy loss. The loss of all this lumber ready for market is a severe one. No lumber whatever was saved, the fire from the mill spreading over the entire yard quickly. Two Southern Pacific boxcars which were being loaded with lumber were destroyed before they could be moved.

The report that a camping party of prominent Albany people lost their entire outfit proves to have been erroneous. These people ran to Hoover when the mill caught fire and when they saw the flames sweep up the canyon toward their camp, sweeping everything before it, they supposed that their camp outfit had burned. But this morning they found their camp safe, although the fire had swept square.

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 blaze was discovered some so days ago. Forest officials here are almost overwhelmed with reports of new free 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 lorg. Copper Creek is still in the grasp of fires and 150 men have been assembled to march to the scene.

On Hanoka Creek flames have surrounded the Bullion Mining Company's

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 ploneer, and the man who practically introduced apples into the Willamette Valley, says that the for-

the Wilameste Valley, says that the for-est fires near Hoover will make way for planting of some of the finest apple orchards in the Northwest.

Mr. Minto is theroughly familiar with that neighborhood. Mintos Pass through the Cascades being one of his discov-eries in the early years. He says the land is peculiarly adapted to the finest in apple culture.

FIRE THREATENS MAGAZINE

Railroad-Builders Work All Night to

a magazine, a construction crew of the Oregon & Washington road worked all last night to prevent the flames from spreading and burning the magazine in which the powder was stored. The fire started in a slashing adjoining the construction camps and gained considerable headway, but, realizing the danger, the men were called out to battle with the flames. Fire Warden T. B. Reed returned today from North River district, and says the fire started is under control, having burned itself out. He says the loss will not exceed that reported. Warm weather still continues and, should fire get beyond control in any district, the loss would be appaling.

TIMBERMEN TO FIGHT FIRES

Owners in Molalla and Santiam Districts to Maintain Patrol.

Through an organization of timber owners perfected in Portland yesterday the timber of the Molalia and Santiam districts is to be protected from fire by a systematic patrol for the remainder of the season of 1910.

Among the owners present were R. S. Shaw, of the Curtis Lumber Company; F. C. Knapp, of the Peninsula Lumber Company; E. L. Marvin, of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company; L. J. Wentworth, of the Portland Lumber Company; C. G. Briggs, F. A. Kribbs, representing Charles A. Smith and himself; J. W. Alexander, A. P. Sprague and D. L. Carpenter, of the Oregon Forest Fire Association.

Motorcycle systems of patrol will be maintained between the Molalia and Cali-poola Mountains, a distance of 69 miles, the object being to get in close touch with the points of greatest danger from

fire.

The meeting was held in the office of Frederick A. Kribs, and the action taken is understood to follow the plan of cooperation outlined by the Klamath County and Coos County associations, which contemplate an apportionment of the expenses among timber owners.

REGULARS MAY FIGHT FIRES

Forest Supervisor Would Call Upon War Department for Ald.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 2.-District Forest Supervisor Mason, whose headquarters are at Anaconda, said today that he would suggest to the forest authorities that an appeal be made at once to the War Department to assign regular troops to fight the forest fires in Montana and Idaho, which are rapidly getting beyond

It is understood that there is no ex-It is understood that there is no existing provision for such use of the Army, but it is believed the Secretary of Warmight order out the troops. In view of the emergency. It is almost impossible to secure sufficient citizens to fill the ranks of the scores of companies of the state militia now engaged in combatting the flames along the Idaho line.

La Grande Fire Subsides.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)
—The forest fire south of La Grande, which burned considerable timber land owned by the Perry Lumber Company, made it necessary to chase stock to safety and burned over hundreds of acres of pasture land, has subsided and all danger seems to be past.

More Fires Near Aspen Lake.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 2.—
(Special.)—The fires which were reported under control in the Aspen Lake region, 17 miles west of here, have broken out again, and a large crew of men has gone out tofight it. While no damage has resulted so far, if the flames are not checked at once, much valuable timber will be destroyed.

NEW GOLD RUSH IS ON

DISCOVERY IN EASTERN ORE-GON CAUSES STAMPEDE.

Strike Is Said to Be Rich and Exodus From Ontario and Weiser

Is Large.

WEISER, Idaho, Aug. 2-(Special)-WEISER, Idaho, Aug. 2—(Special.)—
The discovery of an extensive gold field
is 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 many have left Ontario.
The discovery was made by two Welser
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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 discoverers, given by a Tacoma assayer, returned 315 and \$102 per ton. More than 50 claims have been located aiready.

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 automobilee 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 guiches and precipitous cliffs.

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The excitement is intense here, and as every report from the district is en-couraging, is constantly increasing.

MURDER CHARGE IS MADE Klamath Grand Jury Indicts Alleged

Slayer of Alexander. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 2.— (Special.)—The grand jury today re-turned an indictment of murder in the

turned an indictment of murder in the first degree against George Welch, charged with killing Fred Alexander in this city on the night of July 24. Welch will be arraigned tomorrow. An indictment of forgery was returned against Thaddeus York, accused of manipulating paper on which he secured several thousand dollars from a local bank. This is the second indictment against York, as he is now held on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Two other indictments were returned against violators of the local option law, but the names are not given, as no arrests have been made.

MORE BOOTLEGGERS FINED

Councilman and Constable in Tillamook Gets Heavy Sentence.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—
Councilman Ed Laughlin, who is also a
Constable, pleaded guilty today to violating the local option law and was fined
\$500 and sentenced to 40 days in jail.
Laughlin's partner in the soft drink
business, Tom Johnson, was fined \$250
and sent to jail for 20 days. Both jail
sentences were suspended.
This makes \$3050 that seven bootleggers have been fined this court term.

LOW RATES EAST.

Prevent Explosion.

MONTESANO. Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Fearing the discharge of 15 tons of powder which was buried in

Proposed Tax Amendments May Destroy Each Other.

CRAWFORD SEES WAY OUT

Repeal of Section of Constitution, Attorney-General Believes, Does Not Necessarily Affect Accompanying Laws.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2 .- (Special.)-If SALEM. Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—If the proposed constitutional amendments, to article 3 should be passed by a vote of the people it would result in a complete absence of constitutional provisions covering taxation for governmental purposes, is the opinion of Attorney-General Crawford. Aside from amendments passed by a vote of the people relative to taxation, article 3 contains the only constitutional provi-

people relative to taxation, article 9 contains the only constitutional provisions referring to taxation.

At the coming election there are two amendments to this article, or parts of this article, which will come before the people for consideration. One of these is to amend section 1 of the article, and refers to taxation of different classes of property. A second question arises in the mind of the Attorney-General relative to this proposed amendment.

·Provisions Are Conflicting.

Should both of them pass, it is doubtful whether the amendment to the first section would stand, inasmuch as the amendment to the article as a whole would repeal the entire article and he fails to understand just how the first section could be amended, when there is no first section to amend. Consequently, it seems plausible to him that passage of the two proposed amendments would deal a death blow to the one which provides for an entirely new

one which provides for an entirely new system of taxation.

That there would be no constitutional provision allowing the state to raise revenue for state, county and municipal purposes, the Attorney-General believes, would result from the second amendment, which would provide for authorization to create rallroad districts. This amendment permits the people to pledge their credit in either the state, a county, a railroad district, or in a municipality, or to levy taxes, or to create a special lien on real property for the purpose of constructing or erty for the purpose of constructing or purchasing railroads. This would make article 9 refer exclusively to railroad district taxation and eliminate all pro-visions as to taxation for governmental purposes.

Usefulness Would Be Lost.

In the opinion of the Attorney-Gen eral, however, this phase of the situ-ation is not considered so serious as, he says, the state constitution is not a grant of power, but is rather inhibitory in its effect and consequently the Legislature may pass laws which are not expressly inhibited by the constitution. Taking this view, he deems it probable that, even though article 3 is completely wiped out, the present laws govern-ing taxation, as passed by the Legisla-ture and the people, will stand. He considers that the removal of a section or an article of the constitution does not necessarily repeal the laws which were passed under that article or sec-

But while the two proposed amend-ments to be submitted at the next general election were evidently framed with an idea that they should be complementary he is confident that the passage of both would operate so as to result in completely destroying the usefulness of the one which refers to

VANCOUVER PAPER IS SOLD

endent Merged With Chronicle

Under Hyphenated Name. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—After completing the 35th year of its publication last Thursday, the Independent, a weekly Republican paper, was sold to Glen N. Ranck, owner of the Vandard March 19 Particles. couter Chronicle, Republican. Mr. Ranck will consolidate the two papers under the name of the Independ-ent-Chronicle. Lloyd DuBois, owner of the Independent since 1894, and who has the Independent since 1894, and who has SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Act-

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1884, will continue to run his job office The Independent was the county official paper the past year. The contract for the county printing was let today to the Van-

couver Chronicle.

This combination leaves only two week-ly papers in Vancouver, the county seat, and both are Republican. This is over-whelmingly a Republican county.

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 15, has been caught in Nampa, Idaho, and an official from the Nampa, Idaho, and an official from the prison will be sent at once to bring him to Salem. Hoops was sentenced to two years for larceny from Malheur County. Robert Davis, sentenced to two years 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 seiling for \$16 per ton, and timothy and clover mixed at \$14. Aside from being a crack dairy and hay country, over 20,000 bushels of wheat will be shipped from that region this season.

Dr. Sulliger Returns From Abroad. (Special.)-Dr. Spencer S. Sulliger, surespectation of the Vancouver District of the Methodist Church, who was a delegate to the World Missionary Congress, which met in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14-23, returned to his home in Vancouver today. After the confer-ence, he attended the London Rose Show as a delegate from the Portland

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General of France, at San Francisco, calling attention to the presence of the French armored cruiser Montcalm in Puget Sound and requesting that the of-ficers and men of the cruiser participate the Grand Trunk Railroad and repre-ment.

a letter to Monsieur H. Meron, Consul-General of France, at San Francisco, at Astoria August 29-21. and trainmen said today that negotiations were progressing. It was stated that the matter of settlement is in the hands of the Dominion govern-Government May Settle Strike.

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