

SOUTHERN OREGON SWEEP BY FLAMES

Fighters Combat Fires Till Exhausted at Medford and Ashland.

GREEN TIMBER BURNING

Breeze Wakes Up Embers to Ragging Furnace—Mill is Endangered. Dozen Blazes in Crater Forest Held Under Control.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Twenty-five men under command of Forest Ranger Whitney and Dubois, are fighting desperately tonight and all to save the Snyder and Biscoe sawmills on Anderson Creek about five miles west of Talent, a small town eight miles south of Medford. The mill hands and all the residents along the creek are assisting in the battle. The fire broke out yesterday from the embers of a previous fire which it was thought had been put under control several days ago. Owing to insufficient patrolling and the still breezes which have prevailed for the past two days the ashes of the old fire were fanned into a wall of flame which threatened to wipe out everything in its path.

Men Fight Flames in Relays.

The men fighting the fire are nearly exhausted with their 24-hour battle with the flames, but the fight is so fierce that only small relays of a few men at a time are permitted to sleep, and then only for a few hours at a time.

The mill would have gone this morning but for the fact that the creek backing had been done around two sides in fighting the old fire. The former fire came near getting the Wickstrom sawmill, which is somewhat more than a mile farther down the creek. This mill is out of danger now, but it required a strenuous fight to save it.

Flames Spread in Montana

Flames beyond control in Glacier National Park—Troops sent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Alarming news of the forest fire situation in the Glacier National Park, in Montana, was received today by the Interior Department. Major W. R. Logan, supervisor of the park, reported that the flames were spreading and that the number of fire-fighters on the scene was inadequate.

TROOPS STILL BADLY NEEDED

Light rain of no real benefit in quenching forest fires.

American soldiers yesterday invaded Canada, but on a peaceful mission. They were endeavoring to reach the forest fires in northeastern Washington.

MIST CHECKS FOREST FIRES

Chehalis County blaze is under control, with rain in sight.

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 15.—Heavy mist, which has been prevailing in Chehalis County the past three evenings, has done much to check forest fires burning in logged-off lands. Fire Warden Reed today said that the change in weather was a god-send and was only a few hours' duration, instead of the soaking the country needs.

Forest Fires Cut Off Pack Train.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 15.—No definite information has been received by the forestry officials here concerning the pack train of 30 horses, which was reported as marooned in the heart of the Clearwater Forest yesterday. The alarm first came from Major Penn, supervisor of the Clearwater reserve at Kootenai, Idaho. However, Forester Greeley said today that the report probably meant nothing more serious than that the pack train had crossed the direct route of the pack trail and that it would be compelled to go a more roundabout way, and thereby be delayed several days.

Vancouver Troops to Fight Fire.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Three companies of the First Infantry left here yesterday to fight forest fires. Companies C and D went to Republic, Or., in command of Captain Alop; and Company B went to Union, Or., in command of Lieutenant Ralph B. Lester. Lieutenant Norris, a physician, accompanied Company B. The other troops at American Lake are held in readiness to respond to a call to fight the forest fires.

GIRL, IN LOVE, IS SUICIDE

After Quarrel With Sweetheart, Edith Jennings Drinks Poison.

A suicide which occurred in this city last Wednesday came to light yesterday when a death certificate was filed with the Board of Health in the case of Edith Jennings, a girl 18 years of age. Dependent because she had quarreled with her sweetheart, the girl swallowed 10 tablets of bichloride of mercury at the Leighton rooming-house, Eleventh and Washington streets, and died at the Good Samaritan Hospital the next morning.

TROOPS HURRIED TO MONTANA

Entire Regular Force at American Lake Ready to Fight Fires.

OSGROVE, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Urgent orders from the War Department for the immediate despatch of troops to Montana forest fires were received at brigade headquarters of the field maneuvers here tonight. A battalion of the Second United States Infantry was

hurriedly assembled and rushed aboard a special train that was gotten together in record time by the Northern Pacific. The troops are to be given the right of way to Glacier Park, Mont.

RAIN MAY SAVE OREGON TOWN

Medical Springs Endangered by Flames, Downpour Imminent.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Federal troops to Eastern Oregon from American Lake reached Union last night and shortly after noon commenced a forced march to Medical Springs, 20 miles back in the mountains where a fire, already sweeping 800 acres of timber land clear, is threatening the town of Medical Springs. A telephone message tonight from there says the fire is a mile from the town and the wind is turning so as to send the flames back on the town. The troops should reach the fire this evening some time.

The fire 20 miles from La Grande, which was threatening the city water supply, has been controlled. However, 50 extra men were rushed to the scene last night, but on arrival there found the fire under control. They returned tonight.

A special from Wallowa says that while there are three uncontrolled fires in Wallowa County today and no indication of relief, there will be no requisition for Federal troops early this week as was anticipated. If the fires are not controlled within a day or two the Forest Department will ask for troops in Wallowa County.

Eight hundred acres of valuable timber land has been burned over today at Medical Springs. The fire started a week ago today and rapidly spread until the Forest Service called for Federal troops to assist in the fight. This afternoon the blaze is working south away from the town on what is known as the Big Creek region. It is at present on a tributary of that stream. Between this point and Wallowa County stands some elegant timber, but is cut up with mountains and deep canyons so that it would be hard to fight.

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Three Chickering Parlor Grands, one of them a superb Chickering in fancy mahogany case at virtually the same rate of reduction. There are also two Chickering Quarter Grands, each to go at a discount of 33 1/2 per cent.

There are, also, all told, Five Weber Grands, among them the finest concert grand made by this illustrious factory, the regulation \$1450 instrument, sale price \$720. A slightly smaller Weber Concert Grand, the \$1300 style, will be sold for \$700.

A fancy mahogany Weber Parlor Grand which could not be sold from new, a regular \$1200 style, will be sacrificed for \$720, and two of the smaller Weber Baby Grands, one of the \$750, ebonyized style, and the other the \$850 fancy mahogany case instrument will go at a uniform discount of \$350 upon each.

A superb Kimball Concert Grand Piano, the duplicate of the magnificent concert grand Kimball which contributed in no small degree to the artistic triumphs scored last season by the great American pianist, Myrtle Elynn. This is the regular \$1000 instrument, and will be sold at a reduction of 40 per cent. Another slightly smaller \$1500 Kimball style will be sold for \$900, and a still smaller size ebonyized case will go for \$550.

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An elegant Decker Piano that has been used in but five or six concerts during the past winter, the \$325 style, may be had for \$125, and a fancy case Doll Baby Grand Piano, the \$650 style, will be sold for exactly half price, or \$325.

We have also a superb \$1200 Hazelton Grand, which has been used in the private home of a highly-cultured musician, who has now left for Europe. This Hazelton Grand, the famous hand-made Hazelton, displays no indication whatever of having been used, and has been included in this sale at a discount of \$450.

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CAMPAIGN LIVENING UP

LOCAL OPTION FORCES LINED UP AGAINST ROCKEY.

Republicans of Pacific County, Washington, Busy Repairing Local Breach in Party.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—When, some time ago, the Anti-Saloon League held a rally here and decided to put up a legislative ticket and make a determined fight for county local option, one of the fiercest political fights of recent years in this county was freely predicted.

However, with no lack of suitable material, the local option forces found it extremely difficult to induce any of their number to stand for the legislative places on the ticket and, up to Thursday of last week, the primary campaign was absolutely without life or interest and barely half a dozen had filed their intentions for any office, either county or legislative.

On Thursday, the war horses of the Republican party began arriving at the county seat and, up to 5 o'clock Saturday evening, the closing hour for filing, the situation was sufficiently interesting to satisfy the most exacting.

Four years ago, the Republican party of this county was split into two factions, the Kleebs faction and the Welsh faction, and as a consequence, the Democrats, who are normally in a hopeless minority, elected a State Senator, Representative, Prosecuting Attorney and Superintendent of Schools.

Never before in all its history had Pacific County been represented in the Legislature by a Democrat. H. S. McGowan, of the salmon canning firm of P. J. McGowan & Sons, was the Democrat elected a State Senator and his successor is to be elected this Fall.

In order to prevent a recurrence of the 1906 fiasco, several leading Republicans were engaged all Friday and Saturday in making strong efforts to effect a reconciliation between the Welsh and Kleebs factions, but with no result unless to make the breach wider.

This year no Democrat has filed for State Senator, but Judge C. E. Miller is the Democratic candidate for Representative and the Republican candidates are Eli Rockey, of Pacific County, and J. R. Burke, of Washington County, both unpledged, and H. A. Epey, pledged to the local option people.

Only one out of every 25 persons has both eyes in good condition.

Rockey by the optionists and the campaign will not be lacking in interest. For United States Senator, it is thought that the Wilson and Aabson vote will be pretty evenly divided. Poindexter and Burke will each have a following, probably with Poindexter in the lead.

HASTY PROPRIETOR FINED

Employing Boys Under 14 Years of Age is Charge.

Jeff Hayes, the blind proprietor of the Hasty Messenger Company, appeared in Police Court yesterday to answer to two charges of employing boys under 14 years of age. He pleaded guilty to both charges. Upon the recommendation of the prosecuting officer, Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, registrar of the Associated Charities, Hayes was fined the minimum sum of \$10 on one charge and the other was continued, with the understanding that his next offense will call for a prison punishment.

H. Wirth, father of one of the boys, and Mrs. W. J. Binkley, mother of the other, were arraigned and pleaded that they did not know of the law. They promised that they would keep their boys at home hereafter. Sentence against them was suspended.



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