

FRIENDS ALARMED ABOUT CHIEF COX

Missing Police Official May Have Lost His Life in Forest Fires.

MYSTERY SHROUDS CASE

Disappearing Suddenly Ten Days Ago Without a Word to Family or His Friends, Nothing Has Been Heard From Him.

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Chief of Police A. M. Cox is still unsolved. His friends and associates at police headquarters fear that he has been caught by the forest fires now raging in Southern Oregon, where he is believed to have gone deer hunting and has been burned to death.

This theory is supported by the fact that the Chief, who has the reputation of being an expert hunter, invariably went to his favorite hunting grounds in the forests east of Medford on his vacations. These forests are now wrapped in flames.

Yesterday was the tenth day since Chief Cox suddenly dropped from sight without a word to members of his family or the men at police headquarters. At first it was believed that he had simply gone to some out-of-the-way spot for a few days of rest. With his continued absence, however, his friends have become greatly alarmed about him.

Investigation by some of the officers has brought to light that the chief had his deer rifle repaired in an uptown gun store several weeks ago. He called for the rifle the day before he so suddenly disappeared on the morning of August 10.

"I should not be at all surprised to learn that Chief Cox had been hemmed in by forest fires," said a member of the Police Commission last night. "He liked to fish and hunt, and not knowing the gravity of the forest fire situation, probably ventured too far into the timber. He had said nothing to me or other members of the commission concerning a leave of absence."

RAINFALLS AFFECT CIRCUS

Complete Corps of Financial, Weather and Crop Experts on Payroll.

When you see a newspaper advertisement or a Dickensian press notice announcing the approach of a traveling tent show, has it ever occurred to you to wonder who has decided to go, and by which the management had decided to come to your town? Possibly you have thought that circuses travel about the country in a hit-or-miss fashion. If so, you are wrong. It is not done that way.

The Barnum & Bailey Circus, which comes to Portland next Thursday and Friday is equipped with a corps of financial experts, weather and crop forecasters and traveling agents so intricate and so complete that they can efficiently band of men and the most perfectly informed group of amusement purveyors extant.

As soon as the circus season closes in the late Autumn the business of booking the route for the next year begins. A careful record is kept of every populated part of the country for 20 years back. If the promise of full crops is good and the weather for a few weeks healthy, the financial equilibrium of the neighborhood is undisturbed by bank failures or strikes, if the general health of the community makes it safe to introduce the big circus family of 1250 people and the thousands of tame and wild animals, the show is booked regardless of the length of the railway trip or the difficulty in overcoming the local troubles in hauling the heavy wagons and apparatus.

For this reason the booking is seldom certain for more than six weeks in advance because any sort of trouble may arise anywhere in a longer time and frustrate the best endeavors of every body to make the engagement successful. When you stop to think that every day, rain or shine, the expenses of the Barnum & Bailey show are more than \$6000, you can appreciate the gravity of the situation and the extreme care with which the booking department has to lay out the route.

STREETCAR HITS WAGON

Teamster Slightly Injured in Collision on East Side.

John Kelley, 55 years of age, a teamster employed by Nickum & Kelly, was thrown from his seat and rendered unconscious when a Mount Scott streetcar struck the wagon upon which he was riding near Twelfth street and Hawthorne avenue at 7 o'clock last evening. Kelley was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital in a Red Cross ambulance. Shortly after his arrival at the hospital the teamster regained consciousness and was permitted to go home. He was unharmed aside from the stunning blow on the head received when he struck the pavement.

No damage resulted from the collision of the car and the vehicle.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- Claud Newlin, of Newberg, is at the Lenox. W. E. King, of Hood River, is at the Oregon. G. W. Kemp, of The Dalles, is at the Portland. W. K. Newell, of Gaston, is at the Cornwell. C. J. Himmen, of Forest Grove, is at the Lenox. John Scenson, of Astoria, is registered at the Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Frazier, of Milton, are at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rhea, of Heppner, are at the Imperia. H. McDonald, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon. J. I. Messenger, of Ontario, is registered at the Perkins. O. C. Fenlason, of Hequiam, is registered at the Portland. G. A. McLeod, of Kelso, Wash., is registered at the Cornwell. C. E. Blackwell, of White Salmon, Wash., is at the Portland. Frank Menefee, an attorney of The Dalles, is at the Imperia. George W. Johnston, merchant of Dufer, is at the Cornwell. James Moffitt, a merchant of Vale, is registered at the Imperia. Mrs. C. W. Halderman and her sister,

Miss Hobson, of Astoria, are staying at the Imperia. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis, of Roseburg, are staying at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dupes, of La Grande, are staying at the Oregon. Father M. Ketchell, of White Salmon, Wash., is staying at the Lenox. Oliver T. Barnes is spending his vacation at Seaside in company with his mother, Mrs. Ed Holland. George H. Kelly, vice-president and manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, of Eugene, and Mrs. Kelly, are at the Imperia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Port and arrivals at the Palace Hotel today were: D. J. Heffer and wife, Henry Brumbee, O. M. Clark and wife, Thos. West, Brooke, C. C. Curran, S. H. Hoedges.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—North-



Chief of Police Cox, Whose Friends Fear That He Has Been Caught in Forest Fires.

western people registered at the hotels today as follows: From Portland—Miss B. Wegenblatt, Mrs. D. E. Halcum, at the Congress; John M. Braley, E. P. Miller, at the La Salle. From Baker City—Charles Dilshelmer, at the La Salle.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The following persons from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today: From Portland—G. Merringer, at the Seville; C. Varwig, J. G. and H. C. Peck, at the Brosselt. From Tacoma—T. W. Aspinwall, at the Grand Union. From Vancouver, Wash.—Mrs. Vaughan, at the Albert. From Spokane—L. C. Lewis, at the Park Avenue. From Seattle—F. Boley, at the Richmond; E. H. Ahrens, Mrs. E. H. Ahrens, at the Grenoble; J. Hays, at the Grand; F. H. Grover, at the Hermitage; Miss E. McDonald, at the Brosselt; M. O. Connor, W. B. Whitely, Mrs. W. B. Whitely, at the Victoria.

REVOCAION IS ASKED

COUNCILMAN BELDING ATTACKS PACIFIC PHONE COMPANY.

Charging That Service Is Not Up to Requirements, He Will Ask That Franchise Be Revoked.

Charging that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is not furnishing anywhere near the type of service called for in its franchise, Councilman Belding will introduce an ordinance into the Council tomorrow morning to revoke the grant.

Mr. Belding called at the City Hall yesterday afternoon and consulted Chief Deputy Auditor George Heppner, asking to draft an ordinance for tomorrow's session of the Council.

There is an investigation pending with regard to the rates the company is charging for party lines, but no report was made to the Council committee yesterday, before which it is to be filed, yesterday afternoon. City Attorney Grant is to render an opinion as to the legal situation, and he has found it to be a big task. He expects to be able to submit his statement to the committee in time for the next meeting, two weeks from yesterday.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is giving the people of this city the poorest kind of service," declared Councilman Belding. "It can be made better by anyone, but one of many thousands who have continual trouble with the service. In my own store, we have a nickel-in-the-slot telephone. People frequently come into the place to telephone. They place their nickel in the slot, give their number and then, very often, have to wait from five to 10 minutes for 'central' to reply that she cannot get the number. Many times people leave the store greatly perturbed and angry. This is but an example of what is going on all over the city.

"Having convinced myself that there is no hope of improvement as matters stand, I have decided to ask the Council to revoke the franchise of the Pacific Company," continued Mr. Belding. "I believe it would be to the best interests of the people of Portland if the Council will revoke the franchise. From every side there have come to me, and doubtless there have to every man in the city, complaints against the service of this corporation. Now, why should people have to pay for something they do not get?

If the company wishes to transport business in Portland, why does it not put into operation a system that will give satisfaction to its subscribers? There is no sense in making patrons wait many minutes for the answer of 'central' or to get a number after they get her. Taking all of the complaints into consideration, and feeling that the city would be better off without the Pacific service, I have decided to ask the Council to revoke the franchise."

Scaly Fruit Is Condemned.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—R. M. Miller, state horticultural inspector for this district, was in Centralia several days the latter part of last week and condemned considerable fruit found in the markets here for being affected with scale and scab. Mr. Miller, who began his duties about a year ago, says that the farmers are taking more care of their fruit than formerly and are finding that it pays.

If you are not satisfied after using according to directions two-thirds of a bottle of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, you can have your money back. The tablets cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the digestion, regulate the bowels. Give them a trial and get well. Sold by all dealers. Trunks, suit cases and bags. Largest variety at Harris Trunk Co., 133 Sixth.

CLERKS TRADE JOBS

Postmaster's Inquiry Results in Revelation.

TRANSFER SYSTEM ENDS

Scheme of Federal Employes About to Retire Has Been to Give Places to Others in Service for Bonus. Future Deals Are Foiled.

That postoffice clerks and other Government employes have been engaged in past years in speculation in office for monetary considerations, is the net result of an inquiry instituted by Postmaster C. B. Merrick. The scheme has been successfully blocked by men retiring from the Postal Service, says the postmaster, and is the cause of a recent order putting an end to the transfer system, so far as Portland is concerned.

That it became possible for such a plan to spell success is alleged to be based on the fact that hundreds of Government employes, by the well service rules, are anxious for transfer to the Northwest, where they believe that better opportunities exist for advancement as well as in business ventures. Such men send letters to the employes of the Government in the city where they wish to locate, inquiring if there are any unfilled vacancies in the departments, or if any clerk desires to remove to the East.

The Northwestern job being considered the more valuable, some clerks who have recently retired, the service answered the communications. It would be arranged that the Eastern man should pay a bonus to the Western clerk. The Western man would charge to the Eastern office in application to exchange places. When granted, the Eastern man would come on to take the position, and the Western man would resign from the service to engage in some other occupation.

"There can be no justification for such transactions," said Postmaster Merrick. "There will be no more transfers from Eastern offices to Portland during my incumbency of the office. That action is supported by another reason, which I think justifies a refusal to approve transfers. It is the waiting list of Portland men who have passed the examination and are performing such extra duties as we are able to furnish them. I believe those men should have the first opportunity for permanent places."

Whether there is anything criminal in the actions of the men who have sold their positions has not been passed upon by the United States District Attorney for Oregon. Many of the cases are protected by the statute of limitations.

FACULTY CHANGES MADE

Christian Brothers Colleges See Several Transfers This Year.

The annual retreat of the Christian Brothers colleges of the Northwest closed Sunday evening after a two days' session, when appointments of instructors for the several institutions were made. The meetings were presided over by Rev. Brother Xenophon Cyril, the provincial of the Christian Brothers of the Pacific Coast, whose home is at Oakland, Cal. The appointments were given daily by Rev. Father Costello, O. P., of San Francisco, Cal.

The changes made in the faculties of the institutions were as follows: Brother Vantasian, who was for seven years president of the La Salle Institute at Walla Walla, Wash., was transferred to St. Mary's College at Oakland, Cal., where he will have charge of the commercial department of the institution there. His place is to be filled in Walla Walla by Brother Linus, of Portland.

Brother Aldrick, of Portland, was appointed principal of St. James' School at Vancouver, Wash., and Brother Fiedels, vice-president of the institution, was transferred to St. Joseph's Academy at Berkeley, Cal. Brother George, of the Christian Brothers College of Portland, was appointed principal of the business department of the school. The faculty was increased to nine members, the three new instructors being Brother Luke, Brother Gabriel and Brother Bernard. Brother Andrew was reappointed president of the institution.

It was decided at the meeting to discontinue the high school course in the local school and to devote the future work exclusively to commercial training. The attendance this year promised to be the largest within the history of the school. Public Telephone & Telegraph Company is giving the people of this city the poorest kind of service," declared Councilman Belding. "It can be made better by anyone, but one of many thousands who have continual trouble with the service. In my own store, we have a nickel-in-the-slot telephone. People frequently come into the place to telephone. They place their nickel in the slot, give their number and then, very often, have to wait from five to 10 minutes for 'central' to reply that she cannot get the number. Many times people leave the store greatly perturbed and angry. This is but an example of what is going on all over the city.

FLOOR SPACE TO BE ADDED

Contract for Postoffice Improvements Is Awarded.

Ned Morrison Hall, of 1228 Missouri avenue, was yesterday awarded the contract for the improvement in the Portland postoffice, designed to relieve the congestion of business by adding additional floor space. Mr. Hall submitted a bid of \$3898 for the entire work, and will be required to furnish a bond of \$2000, conditioned upon the completion of the work October 30, of this year.

The improvements require a mezzanine floor, or swinging gallery, to be suspended from the ceiling of the mailing room. Distribution clerks will be quartered there. One hydraulic elevator will be installed and a workroom for the accommodation of the registry division will be constructed in the basement of the building.

25,246 VOTERS REGISTER

Nearly 3000 More on Rolls Than at Same Time Last Year.

Portland's registration passed the 25,000 mark yesterday, standing at 25,246 last night. Nineteen thousand three hundred and thirty-five of the voters have signed up as Republicans, 5713 as Democrats, and 2260 under miscellaneous headings, including Socialists, Progressionists and non-partisans. The number of voters signing the books yesterday was 340, of whom 257 swore to be Republicans, 69 Democrats and 30 of other political beliefs. In the same length of time in 1909 22,925 registered, 17,873 of whom were Republicans, 5825 Democrats and 1126 miscellaneous. On the corresponding day 418 signed the books, of whom 231 signed as Republicans, 44 as Democrats and 19 as miscellaneous. One of the oddest domiciles on earth is that erected at Yokohama by Dr. Van der Heyden, the noted oculist of Paris. This is a dustproof, airtight, microbe-proof building of glass, which stands in the open, unshaded grounds of the Hospital of Yokohama.

CUTICURA REMEDIES CURED PHYSICIAN

Of Eczema. Now Prescribes Them and Says They Have Cured When Other Formulas Failed. Proclaims Their Virtues to the World.

"THEY ALWAYS BRING RESULTS"

My face was afflicted with eczema in the year 1897. I used the Cuticura Remedies and was entirely cured. I am a practicing physician and very often prescribe Cuticura Remedy and Cuticura Soap in cases of eczema, and they have cured where other formulas have failed.

I am not in the habit of indorsing patent medicines, but when I find remedies possessing true merit, such as the Cuticura Remedies do, I am broad-minded enough to proclaim their virtues to the world. I have been practicing medicine for twenty years, and must say I find your Remedies A No. 1. I still find the Cuticura Remedies as good as ever. They always bring results. (Signed) G. M. FISHER, M. D., Dec. 4, 1909. Big Pool, Md.

DOCTOR RECOMMENDED CUTICURA REMEDIES

When I was ten or twelve years old I had a scalp disease, something like scald-head. I suffered for several months and most of my hair came out. Finally they had a doctor to see me and he recommended the Cuticura Remedies. They cured me in a few weeks. I have used the Cuticura Remedies, also, for a breaking out on my hands and was benefited a great deal. I haven't had any more trouble with the scalp disease. (Signed) MISS JESSIE F. BUCHANAN, R. F. D. 3, Hamilton, Ga. Jan. 7, 1909.

Cuticura Remedies are sold by druggists throughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., 131 Columbus Ave., Boston. Mailed free, latest 32-page Cuticura Book, giving description and treatment of affections of the skin and scalp.

FUGITIVE IS NOT CAUGHT

ROSEBURG OFFICERS FAIL TO CAPTURE THOMAS HART.

George Short Accused of Aiding in Escape of Man Wanted for Assaulting Wife.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—After resting for less than eight hours, Sheriff Fenton and Constable Singleton returned to Wilbur this morning, where they are searching the woods for Thomas Hart, who is wanted in Roseburg on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon upon his wife.

For the first time since Hart escaped, local officers came out openly today and accused George Short, of Wilbur, of aiding him to escape. It is said that evidence to such effect had been placed in the hands of the District Attorney for investigation. That Hart is hiding near Wilbur is the belief of the pursuing officers, and it is understood here that he sent word today that he would surrender, should the District Attorney reduce the charge to simple assault. District Attorney Brown says that he will make no concessions to the fugitive whatever, and he is lending the officers every encouragement to effect a capture. It is the intention of the officers to guard every avenue of escape, and in so doing they believe that Hart will eventually visit the open search of food. He is known to be heavily armed, and, according to reports, he has been captured by Constable Singleton, against whom he holds an old grudge.

ALL WANT AUDITORIUM

Meeting of Building Promoters to Be Held Today.

To expedite the actualization of Portland's auditorium a meeting of all the bodies engaged in working for it is to be held in the Commercial Club this afternoon at 1:30. The gathering is called by C. C. Craig, head of the Live Wires.

Packard MOTOR CARS. WE ARE NOW SELLING 1911 MODELS. FRANK C. RIGGS. Packard Service Building, Cornwell Road, Twenty-third and Washington Sts., Mpls. 454, A. 1127.

A New Gold Field in British Columbia

A rich gold quartz vein has been discovered on Grouse Creek, Cariboo District, B. C., where \$50,000,000 (Fifty Million Dollars) has already been taken out of gravel.

The lode is six feet wide, and pans gold so freely that wages can be made by sluicing decomposed quartz. This is a tunnel proposition, no sinking or holding, and a motor car can be run from Ashcroft Station on the Canadian Pacific Railway, to within a mile of the property. I have acquired the two original locations of one hundred acres on both sides of Grouse Creek, and have formed a syndicate to take over the property. No money is to be paid for property until it is developed and ore is sighted. Get in on the ground floor and make an investment which promises to return you \$20.00 for every dollar invested. Apply for information and shares to CHARLES F. LAW, Broker, P. O. Box 115, Room 7, Bank of British North America Building, Vancouver, B. C.

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HOTEL RAMAPO Corner Fourteenth and Washington New Hotel, Elegantly Furnished. Rates \$1.00 and Up Special Rates for Permanents. European Plan. Bus Meets All Trains. M. E. FOLEY, PROPRIETOR.

HOTEL LENOX E. D. and V. H. JORGENSEN Props. and Mgrs. COR. 3D AND MAIN STS. Hot and Cold Water. Long Distance Phones in Every Room. RATES \$1.00 and up.

Beautiful Hotel Moore CLATSOP BEACH SEASIDE, OR. Portland's Nearest Beach Resort—Via A. & O. S. R. Open All Year. Directly overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A delightful Summer and Winter resort. Hot salt baths and surf bathing. Sea foods a specialty. Walks, drives and boating. DAN J. MOORE, Prop.

YOU WILL LIKE THE WOODS HOTEL "It's All Comfort" American Plan \$2.50 Per Day European Plan \$1 & \$1.50 Per Day. In heart of business district, center of city, half block from G. N. Ry. and N. P. Ry. Depot, close to all steamship wharves and C. P. R. Depot. W. H. Wood, Mgr. VANCOUVER, B. C.

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