

FIRE SITUATION IS LESS SERIOUS

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Forest fires in Southern and Western Oregon are less serious than for several days. Lane County lumbermen believe that in many instances only the underbrush has been burned, because of the rapidity with which the flames have spent themselves.

John Kelly, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, reports that the Wendling fire did not damage the green timber. A. M. Hagen of the same company, says he does not believe that more than a million feet of green timber has been burned in Lane County.

The most serious fire is raging in the Mount McLoughlin country in the western part of Clatsop County. High winds yesterday would aid headway that the small force of firefighters had made against the blaze.

Marion Preacher Arrested.

Rev. H. T. Larden was arrested at Selem yesterday by Constable Ira Hamilton, charged with setting a fire in timber without a permit and with allowing the fire to get from under his control. Larden, it is alleged, burned slashings on his ranch in the Pudding River district, the result of which was a conflagration extending for nearly four miles and the destruction of practically all the buildings on the ranch of August Keuffner and the burning of a barn on the ranch of Jake Mosier.

Larden appeared before Justice Daniel Webster yesterday, waived examination, and was bound over to the grand jury. He was placed under bonds of \$1500. Deputy District Attorney Winslow, who has charge of the case, states that the action is brought under the 1907 law, and that the penalty is a fine of from \$25 to \$500. This is the first case of the kind. It is understood, that has come up in Marion County. The fire, alleged to have been set, is well under control and no further danger is feared from it.

Settlements Out of Danger.

Fire is still eating up valuable timber in Jackson County, but no settlements are in immediate danger. A heavy wind prevailed yesterday in the mountains and a new blaze was reported to Medford as breaking out between Thompson and Williams Creek on the Josephine and Jackson County line.

The fire above Ashland is under control on the side toward town. The postoffice at Hutton, in Squaw Creek, however, is out of danger. A conflagration is creeping down toward the settled region. Clover Creek, Cat-hill, Dead Indian and Colostine fires are not under control yet, according to latest reports. Fires in the immediate vicinity of Butte Falls are under control.

Reforested Area Destroyed.

Deputy Forest Supervisor Fitten, who is in temporary charge of the office at Eugene while Supervisors Selts and Robinson are in the city, reported that he had ordered 60 more men yesterday and sent them to Blue River and Belknap Springs, from which points they will be gathered to fight fires in the forest.

Fires Worse in Klamath.

Fanned by a heavy wind, fires in the Mount McLoughlin in Klamath County, are again beyond control and running toward the east. Report is that a fire has broken out east of Fish Lake. The fire at the forest fire is said to be burning at Three Mile creek, and men have been sent from Fort Klamath to help subdue the flames there. The fire on the Government side of the blaze is bad. On the north, west and south the flames are under control, but on the east they are traveling very fast toward Aspen Lake and are about a mile and a half from that body of water.

Fifty men employed by the Government are fighting the fire, and 20 more were sent from Klamath yesterday.

Farmer Loses Herds.

About 25 members of Company G. O. N. G. under command of Captain Stanley Hammel, left Albany yesterday morning for Harborsburg in answer to appeals sent out by the Mayor of that city for help in fighting forest fires that were endangering Harborsburg. Later advices say fire at Harborsburg is now under control.

Man and Girl Escape on Horses.

A telephone message received at Canyonville from Fire Warden Jackson yesterday morning asked for 50 more men to fight fires. Jackson reported that the forest fires are beyond control and that they have wiped out some of the ranches along the upper Rogue River for a distance of 40 miles. Frank George and his daughter, Myrtle, after losing their home, found themselves cut off from escape to Tiller, 15 miles from their home. Mounting their horses, they made a dash through the mountains, over logs and through a storm of rain, to Medford. The distance was about 40 miles by the route they were forced to follow.

Indian Method Praised.

Old-timers at Gold Hill say that the Indians were better foresters than the white men who conquered them. The red men burned the hillsides each year. This prevented a growth of grass which made feed for the game and for their horses, and prevented the accumulation of trash which is causing disastrous fires.

Wind Damages Crop Heavily.

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FIRE-FIGHTERS ON LINE IN SOUTHERN OREGON



ABOVE, FOREST RANGERS IN CAMP FOR LUNCH—BELOW, PART OF COMPANY A, FIRST INFANTRY.

PRUNES YIELD WELL

Mosier Shipments of Fresh Fruit Are Profitable.

12,000 BOXES FORWARDED

Buyers Said to Have Made Good Returns by Shipping to Eastern Markets—Quality Is Better Than for Years Past.

MOSIER, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Mosier has been gathering its prune crop. It has been a fine crop this year, not more than the usual quantity, something more than 12,000 boxes, but far above the average in quality and selling at a better price than for many years past.

Full 22 cars of Italian prunes, grown to perfection in the Mosier Valley, have been sent out from the local packing-house in the past few weeks and every one of these cars has contained more than 1000 crates of prunes, each of which brought the shipper 60 cents f. o. b. Mosier.

The average price of 60 cents a crate maintained this season is the highest prevailing here in years and growers are giving due credit to H. M. Husley, manager of the local Fruit Growers' Association, to whose efforts the success of the present season is due.

Crop Best in Years.

This season's crop of prunes has been the most profitable gathered in the Mosier Valley for many years, and the farmers who during the past few seasons have planted the land to apples are now regretting their action, while those who stuck to the prunes are smiling with satisfaction.

Among the heavy shippers of this season are Lee Evans, who sent out 2500 crates; the Mayersdale ranch, which shipped 1500 crates; J. P. Reeves, with 1200 crates; the East Hood River Fruit Company, with 1300 crates; A. Grosser, 80 crates; and Amos Root, with 600 crates. The rest of the shipments were made up by a dozen smaller shippers with lots running from 200 to 600 crates each.

There are probably 500 crates yet to be shipped in small lots on local consignments.

The bulk of the crop this season was handled through a Portland commission firm, which disposed of the prunes in the Eastern markets through the newly organized Northwestern Fruit Exchange, which is reported to have earned a good profit.

Exact returns of Eastern shipments have not been received here, but if the first two cars of the season are any criterion, the Eastern price has been above the average. The first two cars sold on the Chicago market at \$1.40 and \$1.4 a crate, respectively, which is above the prevailing price.

Apple Outlook Promising.

With the end of the prune season the farmers about Mosier are now looking ahead to the harvesting of the apple crop, which this season gives promise of being larger and of finer quality than for many years past—larger because many acres of new orchard are coming into bearing and finer in quality because of being larger and of finer quality than for many years past.

Never was the crop outlook better than at present and the only thing which is now worrying the growers is securing of sufficient help in harvest time.

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MILTON IS VISITED

Capitalists on Tour Inspect Power Plant.

PORTLAND MEN IN PARTY

Development of Country Makes Impression and Prediction is Offered That New Lines Will Add to Prosperity.

MILTON, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Several Eastern capitalists, accompanied by Portland financiers, arrived in this city this morning on a visit of inspection.

They were met at the depot by C. E. Walters, W. B. Forebay, D. L. McGee and G. P. Sanderson, of the Walla Walla Traction Company, and a local committee consisting of Mayor J. H. Hall, A. B. Pearson, Attorney J. P. Nealand and D. C. Sanderson.

After visiting some of the orchards below town they were taken to the power plant seven miles above Milton. They expressed gratification with the development of the country and said they expected by the running of new lines in this valley to assist still more in its development.

After an inspection of the local line they left for Walla Walla over the electric line. There they were the guests of the Commercial Club, leaving by their own special train for Pasco and Yakima.

The Portland members of the party were: Guy W. Talbot, president Pacific Power & Light Company; J. C. Ainsworth, president United States National Bank; G. Hunt Lewis, United Engineering Company; Phillip Bushner, lumberman and capitalist; C. P. Adams, president Security Savings & Trust Company; Henry Teal, secretary; A. S. Cronley, general manager Pacific Power & Light Company; A. D. Charlton, Northern Pacific Railway Company; George L. Myers, Pacific Power & Light Company.

Other members were: G. W. Maxwell, of New York, investments and securities; R. C. Lucas, vice-president Yakima Trust Company, North Yakima, Wash.; Josiah Richard, Spokane, Wash.; S. Z. Mitchell, president Electric Bond & Share Company, New York; D. P. George, of Miller & George, bankers, Providence, R. I.; T. P. L. McDonnell, of Lyman & McDonnell, attorneys, Providence, R. I.; George M. Kelly, of Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, bankers, Philadelphia, G. P. Metcalf, Providence, R. I.; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company; W. M. Rutter, of White, Weld & Co., bankers, of New York and Chicago; E. T. Chapman, of Stevens, Chapman & Co., bankers, Minneapolis; R. W. Martin, of William A. Read & Co., bankers, New York; F. V. Henshaw, of William P. Bonbright & Co., bankers, New York; F. G. Sykes, president American Power & Light Company, New York; H. P. Wright, president of Wright Investment Company, bankers, Kansas City, Mo.; A. E. Jencks, secretary and treasurer Slater Trust Company, Pawtucket, R. I.; Charles H. Smyth, director and secretary Kansas Gas & Electric Company, Wichita, Kan.; C. N. Hamilton, Electric Bond & Share Company, New York; W. V. S. Powelson, of Cooper & Powelson, engineers, New York.

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of the company to the capitalists, many of whom are stockholders, to convince them that the Northwestern power and electric plants offer desirable opportunities for investment.

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Some of the Muira have been shipped to the Portland market, where they have netted 75 cents per box. Mr. Miller expects that the Albertas and late Crawford, which are not yet ripe, will net from 75 cents to \$1 a box.

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CUMMINS COMING TO COAST

Iowa Senator to Speak for Insurers at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—That Victor Murdock, one of the insurgent leaders in the recent Congress, will be unable to speak tomorrow night as scheduled on account of his being called East by illness in his family, was the information today received by Glen N. Ranck. However, H. W. Craven, of Seattle, will keep the date and the meeting will be held.

By way of compensation, Mr. Ranck was assured that Senator Cummins, of Iowa, also prominent in the insurgent movement, would speak here within the next two weeks. The exact date will be known in a few days.

CITY MAY SECURE FACTORY

Charlton Company Proposes Locating at Montesano.

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—This announcement has been given out by the manager of the Charlton Company's store, at Aberdeen, that the company intends to erect a factory at Montesano. The company has many factories and stores throughout the country. Representatives will be here shortly to take up the matter with local people.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

DAVIS-PEDERSON—James L. Davis, 28, city; Anna Catherine Pederson, 21, city. GOLDIE-ZINKA—Volaters, Golube, 23, city; Rosie Zinka, 18, city. ELLIOTT-MCDONALD—J. Russell Elliott, Jr., 50, Klamath Falls, Or.; Mary E. McDonald, 26, city. GUMBERT-GOLDBERG—Morris Gumbert, 28, city; Anna Goldberg, 18, city. DOAK-RANKEN—Don D. Doak, 22, Lents; Dimpa Edna Young Ranken, 17, city. LEMON-MOORE—Lena Frances Lemon, 24, city; Mary Isabelle Moore, 22, city. SUMMERLAND-DAY—P. A. Summerland, 33, city; Adeline Day, 24, city. CHAMBERS-BARNUMSEN—R. L. Chambers, 28, city; Lulu E. Barnumssen, 27, city. MADRIG-JONES—Fremp Madrig, 34, city; Lucy E. Jones, 30, city. ZECKHA-ANDERLE—Louis Zeckha, 22, city; Maudie Anderte, 18, city.

\$30,000,000 WILL BE SPENT

Electric Bond & Share Company is Looking 20 Years Ahead.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Within the next 20 years more than \$30,000,000 will be expended by the Electric Bond & Share Company in the development and extension of the power, gas, electric and traction plants operating under the title of the Pacific Power & Light Company, of which Walla Walla is the center, according to President S. Z. Mitchell, of the bond company, who is in the city today on a tour of inspection.

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Tull & Gibbs, Inc. MORRISON AT SEVENTH Tull & Gibbs, Inc.

Portland Agents for Modart Corsets, Lily of France Corsets, Madeleine Corsets and Rengo Belt Corsets. Merchandise Up to the Standard Phone and Mail Orders Always Given Prompt and Careful Attention

End-of-the-season bargains today in Children's Wash Dresses. Regular values \$1.25 to \$8.50, at Half Price. Girls' and Misses' Middy and Sailor Suits at Half Price—regular values \$2.50 to \$15. Specials today in Neckwear. Attractive bargains in the Furniture Store, in Buffets, Porch and Lawn Furniture, Bedroom Chairs and Rockers.

Saturday Evening Spec's Will Be Offered in Every Section of Store

A chance for Saturday evening shoppers to visit this store and at the same time share in savings worth while. Phone or mail orders not accepted. Store closes at 9:30.

SUPPER SERVED FROM SPECIALLY PREPARED MENU THIS EVENING IN THE WISTARIA TEA ROOM—5:30 TO 9:30 P. M. On the Balcony

Another Saturday Evening Opportunity In Waists

Two models specially priced for this evening's selling in 'the Waist Section from 6 to 9:30.

\$1.50 Waists 58c

Plain Muslin Waists, strictly tailored, and finished with soft cuffs and linen collar and pearl buttons.

\$1.35 Waists 58c

Another Plain Muslin Waist, with three plaits over shoulder. Collar, cuffs and revers of dark blue galatea, finished with washable soutache braid and pearl buttons.

Silk Petticoats Special at \$2.98

Another Saturday evening opportunity in these Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats. Made of good quality silk and with 10-inch tucked flounce. Heatherbloom dust ruffle. Wide and full, and in all lengths. Special from 6 to 9:30 P. M.

CHILDREN'S Sweaters \$1.50 TO \$3.50 VALUES at 98c

A timely offering of these garments that should induce mothers to visit this store this evening. Sweaters of fine, soft wool, plain and fancy weaves, and in navy and grey only. On sale at this low price from 6 to 9:30 this evening.

In Neckwear

Special this evening, from 6 to 9:30, in the neckwear section, main aisle.

12c EACH for ladies' plain and fancy embroidered Dutch Collars, Lace Jabots and Rabats. Regular 25c and 35c values.

39c EACH for Wash Belts worth 50c and 75c each. Embroidered and plain tailored styles.

SATURDAY EVENING IN THE Furniture Store

Book Shelves at \$2.95. In weathered oak, with four shelves, 26 inches wide and 9 inches deep. Well made, and in plain arts and crafts design.

Drop Leaf Table at \$1.25. Made of fir and finished weathered. Top 36 inches in diameter when opened up. A general utility table for around the home.

This Evening in the Carpet Dept

Rag Rugs at 98c—A dainty Rug for bathroom or bedroom and in a desirable size—30 x60 ins. Regular price \$1.50.

Cocoa Door Mats at 49c—The grade and size that sells regularly for 65c. Heavy quality. Carpet Dept., Sixth Floor.

Bedding Bargains

All day today in the Bedding Section—6th floor.

\$1.20 Pair for White Cotton Blankets worth \$2 pair. Full width and length.

\$1.40 Pair for Feather Pillows worth \$2 pair. Size, 20x26 in., and covered in fancy tick.

\$2.85 Each for Wool Bed Pads worth \$4.50 each. Full size. Muslin covered.

Crockery Specials All Day Today in the Basement

A clean-up of broken stock in two patterns of Dinnerware. Note the bargains:

In Meakin's White Semi-Porcelain— 6-inch Plates, at each...5c 8-inch Plates, at each...7c 7-inch Plates, at each...6c Teacups, Saucers, at each...7c Coffee Cups and Saucers, at each...8c

Covered Dishes, at each...50c 14-in. Platters, at each...36c Sugar Bowls, at each...20c 16-inch Platters, at each...49c Fruit Dishes, at each...3c Oatmeal Dishes, at each...5c Pickle Dishes, at each...7c Butter Chops, at each...3c Bowls, at each...6c 6-inch Scallops, at each...10c 8-in. Bakers, at each...13c 8-inch Scallops, at each...13c 9-in. Bakers, at each...15c 9-inch Scallops, at each...15c 7-in. Bakers, at each...10c 10-inch Platters, at each...12c

In Basset's China—Wild rose and gold decoration— 35c Plates, 7-in., each...15c 60c Bakers, 7-in., each...23c 75c Creamers, at each...25c 35c Soup Plates, each...15c 35c Tea Cups and Saucers, at each...15c 40c Coffee Cups and Saucers, at each...16c 35c Bone Dishes, each...10c 50c Pickle Dishes, each...18c \$1.00 Dishes, 9-inch, at each...30c \$1.10 Dishes, 10-inch, at each...45c \$1.50 Dishes, 12-inch, at each...60c \$2.25 Dishes, 14-inch, at each...75c \$3.00 Dishes, 16-inch, at each...98c \$2.50 Covered Dishes, at each...98c

\$2.50 Gravy Boats, each...80c \$2 Tea Pots, at each...80c \$1.25 Sugar Bowls, each...50c \$2.50 Round Dishes, each...98c \$2 Chocolate Pots, each...80c \$2 Oatmeal Servers, each...68c

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