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TORONTO, Ont., July 12.—As the result of the forest fires that are sweeping uncontrolled through Northern Ontario, at least 50 lives are lost, many have been injured, hundreds are missing and it is feared that scores of these will be included in the fatalities.

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Trains Sent to Rescue.

Two special trains have been sent to bring out the 600 persons who are facing starvation or death by fire in the Tisdale district. Communication with stricken districts is exceedingly difficult. The flames swept down on South Porcupine and Pittville almost without warning. The alarm came just in time for the people to rush for the lake, but they were forced to abandon their belongings.

Provisions Running Low.

Only a few days' provisions are left in Golden City.

Laborers employed on the Ontario government's new railroad line from Golden City west reached the city after a desperate fight with the flames in which many were badly burned. They lost everything but the clothes they wore.

The town of Kelso was abandoned today after a fight lasting since Sunday.

GOITRE OPERATION WINS

Salem Banker's Wife Under Knife of Switzerland Specialist.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Word was received here by cable today of a successful operation for goitre that was performed in Switzerland on Mrs. A. N. Bush, Mrs. Bush, with her son Asahel, left several weeks ago for that purpose.

The operation was in the hands of one of the greatest specialists in the world and according to information received there is every indication that the operation has been eminently successful. Mrs. Bush is the wife of A. N. Bush, a capitalist and one of the wealthiest bankers in Oregon.

GRAIN RATE IS SLASHED

Great Northern Cuts Price on Shipments to Puget Sound.

SEATTLE, July 12.—The Great Northern announced today a permanent reduction in freight tariffs on all grain shipments from points in Puget Sound and Eastern Washington to Central and Eastern Washington. The reduction is from a half cent to 2 cents a hundred pounds.

The new rates become effective August 15, when the grain in Central Washington will start moving.

Banks Man May Succeed Sewell.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—So far no appointment has been made by Governor West of the man to succeed County Judge John W. Sewell, of Washington County, who recently died.

WAPPY'S RELATIVE EVADES OFFICIALS

AGED MILLIONAIRE FATHER-IN-LAW SAID TO BE CRUISING.

Process-Servers Unable to Find Man Described as Too Infirm to Travel to Seattle to Testify.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Samuel Benn, the aged millionaire father-in-law of ex-Chief of Police Wappenstein, who was described as too aged and infirm to come to Seattle and corroborate the testimony of E. B. Benn, regarding a \$5000 gift which he is alleged to have made Wappenstein in 1909, is still spry enough to escape the process server of the grand jury, according to the story told by Deputy Sheriff Scott Malone, who has spent a week in Aberdeen and surrounding country looking for him.

Malone, who returned today, says when he arrived in Aberdeen he was informed by E. B. Benn that Samuel Benn, well over 80 years old, was out timber cruising. Malone says he cruised all over Chehalis County but never got any clue to the timber tract being cruised by the elder Benn.

Samuel Benn is the not only witness wanted by the grand jury who has mysteriously disappeared. But in the waiting game the odds around the courthouse are that the grand jury will outlaw either Samuel Benn or other disappearing witnesses when it comes to a matter of patience.

When Wappenstein, convicted of bribery in connection with the operation of disreputable houses during the Gill administration, was brought into court today to be sentenced, his counsel asked for a continuance of the proceedings until next Wednesday, stating that he expected to obtain an affidavit to the effect that one of his juror's expressed an opinion hostile to Wappenstein before the trial. This affidavit would be used in an application for a new trial. The court granted the continuance.

STATUS IS MADE CLEAR

Attorney-General Rules What Corporations Must Pay License.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—In response to a request from Secretary Olcott, Attorney-General Crawford has furnished him with a rule to differentiate from charitable, religious and educational corporations and those corporations which are corporations for profit.

He says that the rule as generally found by the courts is that if corporations are formed for gain they are to be treated as such, regardless of the business in which they are engaged.

Although such business may be educational, the Attorney-General holds, such corporations are not entitled to the exemption which is accorded to corporations formed for religious, charitable and purely educational purposes.

Therefore, he says, the annual license fee should be charged, regardless of the fact that the business in which the corporation intends to engage may be educational. Unless provisions are placed in the articles which preclude the stockholders from reaping any pecuniary profit.

HOOD RIVER SPENDS MONEY

Installation of Sewers Will Cost Close to \$18,000.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The members of the City Council now holding office have used every effort toward improving the streets and sanitary condition of the city. The bids on the excavation of all the streets within the city limits, the paving and laying of concrete gutters and curbs and the construction of concrete storm sewers were opened at last night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The estimated cost of the work will be between \$18,000 and \$19,000.

EDUCATORS TO LECTURE

Prominent Teachers Will Speak at Agricultural College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The Oregon Agricultural College has taken advantage of the convention of the National Educational Association in San Francisco to secure Eastern educators as special lecturers for the summer school. In the week from July 17 to 21, M. Greenwood, School Superintendent of Kansas City, will deliver 10 lectures on the general topic of "School Management and Supervision."

Mrs. J. M. Greenwood will lecture daily on "Teaching Literature in the Grades." An expert in public school agriculture will conduct a daily class and another expert on rural supervision will deliver daily lectures.

County Superintendents Belt of Yamhill, Bragg of Union, Jackson of Linn, Mack of Benton, Robinson of Multnomah, Seymour of Polk, Smith of Marion and Welles of Umatilla will conduct daily round tables on Oregon problems in rural supervision.

BRIGHT COMET IS SEEN

Director of Allegheny Observatory Reports Astral Illuminator.

PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Frank Schlesinger, director of the Allegheny Observatory, today reported that a fairly bright comet was seen just before dawn in the eastern sky.

Its right ascension is four hours and 45 minutes and its declination 34 degrees 39 minutes. It is in the constellation of Auriga, not far from the bright star Capra.

WOMEN WANT TO HEAR LEWIS TRIAL

Publisher Would Have Clients Know Truth.

ADVERTISE CASE HIS PLAN

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Promoter on Fraud Charge.

1 JUROR SIDES WITH HIM

Man Tells Court Prosecutor Is Persecuted and ex-Head of Publications for Fair Sex Charges.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—The indictment today by a special grand jury in the United States District Court of E. G. Lewis, formerly publisher of magazines and newspapers for women and the promoter of various enterprises at University City, Mo., on charges of fraudulent use of the mails, was marked, incidentally, by a statement in open court by one of the grand jurors that the District Attorney was prejudiced against Lewis and had talked with each individual juror.

Lewis himself, in an interview, charged that Federal officials here were trying to head off an investigation of the Lewis enterprises by Congress.

Bare Facts, Is Cry.

Declaring it was his desire that his opponents should be brought to light in his trial and that it was his belief the trial would be a drawing card, Lewis announced he was considering an effort to get his trial set for the week of October 23, concurrently with the annual convention of the American Women's League, of which he was the founder.

Lewis Would Advertise Trial.

"I want everybody to hear everything," said Lewis, "and I believe if properly advertised my trial will draw 25,000 women."

Lewis gave newspaper reporters at the Marshall's office a typewritten statement of his version of what he terms "the unremitting warfare of destruction kept up incessantly by certain postal officials against the so-called Lewis enterprises."

He said that 120 different pamphlets and circulars had been printed at public expense and sent broadcast to those interested in his institutions, vilifying them and characterizing them as frauds.

Inspectors Are Accused.

Postoffice inspectors, he said, have "threatened, misled, intimidated and urged" these persons to make some sort of a complaint against him. The result, he said, was that his credit had been destroyed and his business ruined, with loss exceeding \$3,000,000.

He repited to the various charges in (Concluded on Page 3.)

POTATOES TAKE SUDDEN TUMBLE

PRICE GOES FROM \$2.60 TO \$1.30 OVERNIGHT.

Rushing of Early Crop to Market One Cause—Shipments Spoil on Way Eastward.

STOCKTON, Cal., July 12.—(Special.)—Growers of potatoes received a severe shock today when the fancy prices which have been paid the past two weeks for tubers were suddenly reduced from \$2.60 to \$1.30 a sack. Those fortunate enough to have their crop well advanced and dug in time to get the high price have made unusual profits, as potatoes can be raised at good profit at 85 cents a sack in the regular season, but it usually costs more to produce early potatoes.

The dealers and growers who have been studying the big unexpected slump in price have different versions of the cause of the break. Some say the anxiety of both to rush early potatoes on the market cut prices, while others credit the decline to the hot weather through which the tubers would have to pass if shipped East.

YELLOW ANGERS EAGLES

Orangemen's Day Ends Convention, Everett Delegates Make Havoc.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—While being the last day of the Eagles' state convention in Hoquiam today is also Orangemen's day, and Eagle delegates from Everett were instructed to see that the orange 119, if such a thing should be in evidence in the city, was exterminated.

Distributing the green flag and evidencing their pride for the Emerald Isle with appropriate songs, the Everett delegates discovered a large cloth sign in front of one of the local soft-drink shops on which was inscribed, "Orange Phosphate." The delegates fell to and in less than three seconds the once highly-decorated sign was torn into a thousand pieces.

Even the gold braid on the trousers of the Rainier Lodge degree team caught the eyes of the Everett delegation and as a consequence several members of the degree team will return to Georgetown minus a complete set of lustrous trappings.

MT. HOOD TO BE CLIMBED

Physical Director Grilley, of Y. M. C. A., Will Lead Party.

Physical Director Grilley, leading members of the Y. M. C. A., will leave next Monday morning for the annual Mount Hood "hike" and climb. Twenty-two members have signed for the trip to date. The party will go to Sandy by special car on the Mount Hood Railway, whence they will "hike" to the mountain. Cooking utensils, hand baggage, etc., will be taken by freight wagons. Those who will make the trip will meet at 7 o'clock tonight in Mr. Grilley's office.

The ascent of Mount Hood will be made on July 20 and the return to Portland made July 17. Those who have signed up for the trip are: A. M. Grilley, E. S. Ennis, G. B. Tied, Gerald Conrad, P. W. Clutterton, Clyde E. Barnes, A. H. Banks, George Schappert, S. E. Bregilly, H. M. Dickenson, T. E. Lewis, M. W. Hemmeyer, L. D. Bosly, Dr. J. W. McMichael, G. F. Scott, George Babcock, H. W. Newbin, T. W. Dye, P. R. Newling, T. Booth and D. K. McKittrick.

ORDERS DISOBEYED DECLARES FARIA

Santa Rosa's Captain Tells His Story.

OWN JUDGMENT RELIED ON

Passengers Kept on Ship Because He Thought It Best.

SKIPPER GIVES REASONS

Luckless Mariner Says He Feared Boats Would Capsize if People Were Transferred—Dead Officer Holds Secret.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—Captain Faria and Third Officer Thomas, of the Santa Rosa, who were on the bridge of the wrecked steamer, told their stories of the disaster when the official inquiry was resumed here today by United States Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Bolles and Bulger.

Faria attributed the accident to his subordinate's failure to follow his instructions which he said would have brought him on deck early and revealed the vessel's true position, allowing him to change the course. Thomas denied receiving such an order, which Faria said he had given to Second Officer Hewson to pass on when relieved at midnight Thursday. As Hewson was drowned while trying to get a life line ashore, this point may remain in doubt.

Passengers Primary Topic.

The question of the grounding of the vessel, however, was made secondary to the inquiry to that of the care of the passengers. The officers sought to learn the effect of the instructions sent by the main office of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, owner of the Santa Rosa, upon the conduct of the master of the vessel.

Faria admitted that the message in regard to the price of transferring passengers to the steam schooner, standing by, impressed him, but avoided a direct answer by saying he had acted independently and on his best judgment. He insisted that he had believed everyone was safe on board and was certain that the ship would be pulled off the spit.

Faria First Witness.

Faria was the first witness. He told of his orders to Hewson, given at 10 o'clock Thursday night. He said he gave at that time emphatic orders to be called at 1 o'clock and also to be told when the steamer President, southward bound, was sighted. He wanted to be told also when the log showed they were 100 miles from Point Sur. Hewson was to pass these orders over to Thomas, when relieved at midnight.

The Captain then turned in, according to (Concluded on Page 3.)

PORTLAND WINS WORLD MEETING

CHRISTIAN CITIZEN CONFERENCE COMING IN 1913.

One Feature Is Expected to Be Children's Day Celebration With 25,000 in Line.

PITTSBURGH, July 12.—(Special.)—The second World's Christian Citizen conference is to be held in Portland, Or., in 1913. At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Reform Association, under whose auspices the conference will be held, this afternoon, the report of C. H. Congdon, of Philadelphia, who was sent to the Pacific Coast to find a suitable place to hold the conference, was read, and his recommendation to select Portland was unanimously adopted.

He said that Portland would give \$15,000 in cash and furnish an auditorium, now about to be built and which is to cost \$600,000, free for the entire week of the conference.

The executive committee appropriated \$5000 to the world's conference committee and a committee on finances was appointed, of which Dr. J. S. Martin was made chairman.

The time set for the conference at Portland is the week beginning June 29, and one feature of the conference is to be a Children's day celebration on the Fourth of July, in which efforts will be made to have 25,000 children participate.

SEATTLE BODIES AT OUTS

Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club at Loggerheads.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—The failure of negotiations to decide the labors of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Commercial Club has resulted in a meeting at the Hotel Washington tomorrow night. A satisfactory solution of the situation will be sought.

Speculation is rife as to the outcome of the session. Business men are weary of continued duplication of labors by these two organizations.

The first proposition presented by the Commercial Club was the resignation of the Chamber's conference committee was at once accepted by the latter. Supposing that all was agreeable, the Chamber officials awaited the word of the agreement, which was to be given by the Commercial Club, but with the passage of a few days, the committee from the club again asked for a conference and presented a second agreement containing a number of concessions not mentioned in the first.

At last, when the Commercial Club failed to confer on a fifth proposition, the Chamber committee suggested that the representatives make an effort to have the club act one way or another on the last previous agreement. The meeting tomorrow probably will see a break in the Commercial Club, unless some settlement is devised.

OREGON BOOK'S AGE IS 343

Mrs. A. C. McDonald, of Portland, Has Ancient Historic Volume.

An English historical work published 343 years ago is said to be one of the oldest printed books in existence in Oregon. The volume is in the possession of Mrs. A. C. McDonald, living at East Fifty-sixth and East Lincoln streets. Her father, Joseph Sewell, purchased it of a stranded Englishman in New York City about 60 years ago.

The book was published in London in 1568 and, notwithstanding its age, is in a good state of preservation. It is a history "beginning with the reigns of William the Conqueror and ending with our most dread and fouraign Queen Elizabeth."

The volume is printed in Old English and has a thick leather cover.

EXPRESS RATES REDUCED

Northern Announces Change in Its Graduated Scale of Charges.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Word has been received by the State Railroad Commission from the Northern Express Company announcing certain changes in its rate classification which amounts to a reduction from the present tariffs.

The reduction deals with the graduated scale of express charges from exclusive offices when the article expressed passes over the lines of two or more express companies. Heretofore on business destined from an exclusive office each company assessed its local graduated charge based on merchandise rates to and from the transfer point.

Under the new order the rates will be combined and the single graduate will be the charge through.

REAL WILD WEST PLANNED

Pendleton Will Have Big Roundup and Celebration in September.

PENDLETON, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Pendleton is getting ready for a real wild west show. While the city is preparing to entertain hundreds of visitors from September 13 to 16, when the exhibition is to take place, many cowboys and Indians are practicing up to give the tenderfoot a real touch of the atmosphere they seek. Arrangements have been made for special rates on the railroads from all parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and it is believed there will be an exceptionally large attendance. On the programme of events will be cowboy races, broncho "busting" contests, war dances by genuine Indians, parades and shooting contests.

A convention of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society attended by delegates from various parts of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will be held in Pendleton at the same time.

VICTORIOUS ELKS SHOUT WITH JOY

Winning of Big Convention Celebrated.

RED FIRE LIGHTS DOWNTOWN

Lodgemen Parade Streets and Make Welkin Ring.

DELIGHTED THROGS YELL

Impromptu Pageant in Honor of Portland's Selection as Rendezvous for Cheer-Giving Order Makes City Gay.

The demonstration by 500 members of the Portland Lodge of Elks last night, assisted by representatives of many neighboring lodges, three brass bands, a blazing trail of red fire and a procession of life and color through the principal business streets was but a sample of the festivities that will prevail in Portland for a solid week next year when the grand lodge of Elks assembles in this city for its annual convention.

It was in celebration of the action by the grand lodge in voting unanimously to meet here next year that Portland Elks, who remained at home while the delegates and nearly 100 supporters went to Atlantic City, planned last night's parade and jollification.

Although a purely impromptu affair it was one bursting with enthusiasm, good-fellowship and cheerfulness of Elksdom. Arrangements for the parade were not started until after official advice that Portland had been selected as the next convention city were received here Tuesday morning.

All Help Celebrate.

The word went out that the celebration was not to be participated in by Elks alone, but that, inasmuch as all Portland is to share in the fruits of the victory, everyone should join with the lodge in its demonstration. As a result, all classes of citizens turned out. Because twilight prevented the red fire candles from displaying all their brilliancy the procession did not move from the Elks' temple at Seventh and Stark streets until after 8 o'clock.

Headed by a squad of police under Captain Bailey, the column passed south on Seventh street, past sidewalks and curbs lined with people. Then followed the police band, Mayor Rushlight and other city officials in automobiles and the main body of Elks. A few of the Elks officers rode in machines in advance of the column, but most of the lodgemen walked. They marched four abreast and those in the forward ranks carried torches of sputtering red flames.

Convention Song Sung.

The jolly Elks kept up a series of cheers and shouts, interspersing their cries once in a while by singing snatches from "Portland Wants You in 1912," the song that had much to do with capturing the convention.

York's military band moved at the head of a long line of automobiles containing Elks and citizens who are not members of the lodge. The official Club had a strong delegation in line. The Chamber of Commerce and the Press Club likewise were represented. Members of the Rotary Club, the Retail Business Men's Club and the Ad Club rode in carriages.

Several of Portland's neighboring lodges, including those at Vancouver, Wash., Oregon City, The Dalles, Astoria, Salem and other places were well represented.

Entertainment Is Planned.

Following the parade the lodgemen went to the clubrooms, where they held informal discussion on the methods and means of entertainment to be followed next year. While they were yet engaged in this discussion Arnold's traveling band traversed the streets in a tally-ho, playing lively airs and bearing a banner which read, "Portland Will Be Prepared to Entertain the World in 1912."

The joy over the Elk victory is not confined to members of the lodge alone, but to nearly everyone in Portland.

By coming to Portland next year the Elks will pay their first official visit to the Northwest. Until this year no serious efforts were made to win the honor. Three years ago Seattle entered the race at Dallas, Tex., for the 1909 convention, but withdrew in favor of Los Angeles, which was chosen. Seattle gave its earnest support to Portland this year. San Francisco wants the convention for 1915.

Many Congratulate Elks.

The Elk headquarters yesterday was a busy place. Messages of congratulation poured in from various parts of the country and callers dropped in to add their expressions of joy. One of the first to telegraph congratulations to the victorious delegates at Atlantic City was William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, who prepared the first piece of advertising advancing Portland's claims for the 1912 meeting. It consisted of an elk head with the antlers made to represent a railroad with all (Concluded on Page 3.)

