MILL FIRE IS SET

Phosphorus and Sulphur Used at Raymond Lumber Plant.

BLAZE PUT OUT QUICKLY

Attempt to Destroy Property of Case Shingle & Lumber Company Following Labor Trouble Laid to Sympathizer.

RAYMOND, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—An unsuccessful attempt was made early this morning to burn shingle mill No. 2, one of four mills belonging to the Case Shingle & Lumber Company, when the contents of a pint bottle containing a mixture of phosphorus and sulphur was poured over a pile of ten bundles of shingles just inside the entrance to the mill. The shingles ignited and were partially burned before the arrival of the mill crew, but fortunately the fire burned out without igniting the inflammable matter about the mill, although the stairway leading to the sawing room was badly scorched. When the bundles were broken open and the air reached the liquid the fire broke out afresh.

The use of phosphorus and sulphur by firebugs is evidently the latest and most scientific method of operation, and one that, when successful, leaves no trace of the origin behind. The entrance to the mill abuts a private roadway which, however, is used generally by persons living in the vicinity of the mill and it was an easy matter for the firebug to step inside the door and pour the contents of the bottle upon the shingles and get away without detection.

City Marshal Wheaton made a careful investigation about the premises and found a bottle with about an ounce of the mixture floating in the slough. When the cork was removed from the bottle and air reached the liquid on the cork it flamed up immediately. It is thought that the would-be incendiary will be apprehended, as every effort is being made to learn his identity.

Mill No. 2 is the plant where the recent labor troubles between the shingle weavers and the employers broke out and it is believed that some labor sympathizer is responsible for the attempt to burn the mill.

TEN FILINGS CANCELLED

Contests in Wallowa County Are Ruled on Favorably.

ENTERPRISE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—That the old days of easy-going homesteading have passed, is proved by the recent action of the General Land Office in cancelling 10 Wallowa County claims against which contests had been filed. All the land in question lies east of Enterprise. Seven of the canceled filings had been taken up by French men and women affiliated with the Davin-Michellod Sheep & Land Company.

All the original hearings were set by the Receiver of the Land Office at La Grande before County Clerk Bilyeu. The testimony of the defendants and their witnesses was similar throughout. They united in saying the entrymen had built small cabins and fences and had plowed a little land on each claim, and had visited the land "two or three times a month." Witnesses for the contestants alleged no one went near the land for months at a time, and there never was any real residence upon the soil.

EXTORTION CHARGE MADE

Youth Accused of Attempt to Force Millionaire to Give $1000.

SPOKANE, April 30.—George Bartlet, 20, is in jail here awaiting arraignment in the Federal Court on a charge of misuse of the mails in an attempt to obtain $1000 from August Paulsen, millionaire. The youth was arrested after he had obtained a package which he believed contained $1000 of Mr. Paulsen's money from a messenger boy who had called at Mr. Paulsen's home at the youth's request.

Detectives followed the messenger and saw him give the package to the man. Bartlet is said to have confessed to a postoffice inspector that he threatened Mr. Paulsen by means of letters to obtain $1000 with which to buy a homestead in Canada.

PORT NEEDS $300,000

New Bond Issue at Coos Bay to Complete Channel Is Petitioned.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The Port of Coos Bay put in circulation today petitions calling for a second port bond issue of $300,000, which are being signed freely.

The commissioners legally may issue the bonds without consulting the electors, but preferred the petition method rather than run the risk of delay which a referendum election might involve. The new bonds will be used to finance the completion of the 25-foot channel to the sea.

ENGINE FALLS ON MAN

Engineer Is Severely Scalded Before Removed From Dangerous Position.

NORTH BEND, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Stanley Henderson, a locomotive engineer for Parham & Gidley, contractors, who are grading here, was pinned under his locomotive when it overturned this morning. He was severely scalded before he could be removed.

Mr. Henderson is at Mercy Hospital, where the attending physician says he will be compelled to stay for several weeks. His burns are on his lower limbs and back.

BLOODHOUND CHASE WARM

H. J. Favor, Wanted on Charge of Murder, Traced to Mabton.

PROSSER, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—H. J. Favor, the alleged murderer of his former wife, is known to be alive. Officers with bloodhounds traced him to Mabton yesterday. He was seen by three persons Sunday, who have given good descriptions of him.

The dogs traced him directly to the water tank in Mabton. It is supposed he boarded a westbound train on Sunday night. All division points have been notified.

SALEM FLAGS ENUMERATED

Secretary of State Denies That Emblem Is Not Displayed.

SALEM, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott declared today that "Loyal American," who in a communication to The Oregonian, said that there were no American flags displayed in Salem, is mistaken. A flag has floated over the Supreme Court building since it was opened a few months ago, and until the poles were blown down some time ago, there were two large flags on the Statehouse. The Secretary of State is the custodian of the building and he decided not to unfurl the flags over it again until the work of remodeling the structure was completed. This work is near completion and the flags soon will blow over the building as heretofore.

There has always been a flag on the Postoffice, and on numerous business buildings is to be found the emblem of the Nation.

Mr. Olcott said he was inclined to think "Loyal American" was not a close observer, and that if he had saluted on his recent trip to Salem all the flags in sight he would have been kept busy for some time.

FISHERMEN ARE READY

LARGE AMOUNT OF GEAR EXPECTED TO BE PUT IN USE TODAY.

Illegal Fishing in Columbia Declared Little; One Violator Escapes, but Catch Is Taken.

ASTORIA, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The Spring fishing season on the Columbia River will open at 12 o'clock tomorrow and continue until August 25. The amount of gear that will go into the water at the beginning of the season will be much in excess of that of last year. This is especially true of the traps and seines, as the small freshet and the comparatively clear water will permit those classes of gear to operate much earlier than usual.

That but little illegal fishing is in progress in the Columbia River is shown by the fact that while both states have deputies patrolling constantly not an arrest has been reported. Deputy Larson saw one man fishing Tuesday night with a diver net in the vicinity of Wallace Island and chased him ashore. He captured the skiff and eight salmon, but the man got away and the net was lost. The fish taken were small, averaging about 16 pounds each. Larson says the indications are there are not many salmon in the lower river now.

PROJECT SURVEYS DESIRED

Engineer Holt Would Irrigate 50,000 Acres of Yakima Lands.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Surveys of two irrigation projects on the Yakima Indian reservation, which would together contain upwards of 50,000 acres, are proposed by Engineer Holt of the Indian Service, who has asked the Department for an appropriation of $2000 to put engineers in the field. If the permission is granted Mr. Holt says the surveys can be made this Summer.

These projects would include two dams to impound the surplus waters of several creeks. One would store the waters of Satus, Logy and Dry creeks and their tributaries and the other the waters of Simcoe Creek north of Fort Simcoe.

POST MORTEM IS HELD

Sudden Death of Raymond Man Due to Opium in Stomach.

RAYMOND, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—A post mortem examination of the remains of P. W. Caton, who died yesterday under peculiar circumstances, verified the opinion of the physicians, as expressed yesterday, that he had committed suicide by taking opium.

Drs. Perry and Overmeyer conducted the autopsy and found what they considered unmistakable evidence of the presence of the poison in the victim's stomach. The remains will be shipped tomorrow to Schell City, Mo., his former home, instructions having been received from the Modern Woodmen of America of that city to forward the body. Caton's family is said to be well-to-do, one brother being a practicing physician in St. Louis.

OREGON CITY GETS PLANT

Eugene Men Announce They Will Build Cannery in Fall.

OREGON CITY, April 30.—(Special.)—That Oregon City had been selected as the site for a cannery, but that construction would not be begun until next Fall was the text of a letter received today by Secretary Freytag, of the publicity department of the Commercial Club from W. N. Turner and E. N. Booth, of Eugene.

These men were in Oregon City last week seeking a site for a cannery. After visiting a number of towns in the Willamette Valley, they selected Oregon City.

Free Books Up to Parents.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—J. M. Layhue, city superintendent of schools, yesterday sent out circular letters to all of the Centralia school patrons asking whether or not they are in favor of the free textbook system in the Centralia schools and, if they are, whether or not they will donate all books their children have on hand. The letters started coming back to the superintendent this morning.

Wedded 6 Months, Divorce Sought.

PENDLETON, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Surprising her friends here, Mrs. Mabel McPhail, the young bride of John McPhail, a wealthy and prominent farmer of this county, filed suit for divorce after six months of wedded life. Mr. McPhail was a widower before his recent marriage and is past middle age. Mrs. McPhail formerly was Miss Mabel Craig. The grounds alleged are said to be incompatibility.

White Salmon Happy Over Highway.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Much elation is felt here over the report that the Columbia River Highway will cross the river at Stevenson and continue on the Washington side to Lyle or Maryhill, the home of Sam Hill. Plans are being formulated to start a publicity campaign to further this as soon as authentic confirmation of this report can be received.

Lewiston to Be in Genesee Show.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—The governing board of the Lewiston Commercial Club has authorized President Sheppard to appoint a committee which will arrange for participation by the Commercial Club in the Genesee horse show, to be held June 11, 12 and 13.

St. John Fruit Hit by Frost.

ST. JOHN, Wash., April 30. — (Special.)—Heavy frosts the past two nights have hurt cherries and peaches, while fruitmen state that early apples also are badly damaged. It is thought that late fruit is still undamaged.

TWIN MEETING HELD

Sunday School Workers Gather at La Grande.

200 ARE FROM OUTSIDE

John H. Alexander, Head of International "Teen" Department Work, in Attendance From Chicago, Makes Address.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The Twin State Sunday School Convention opened here Wednesday afternoon. John Girdler, city superintendent of schools, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city, and Rev. E. H. Fyke, on behalf of the church. A. L. James, state vice-president, of Baker, responded. Dr. H. L. Boardman, of Walla Walla, made the first principal address.

At the Methodist Church convention there was a registration of over 200 from outside La Grande. A. L. James presided until the arrival of State President F. W. Emerson. Dr. J. V. Milligan, Presbyterian superintendent for Oregon; Dr. Springston, Baptist state superintendent; John H. Alexander, International superintendent of the "Teens Department," who came here from Albany Thursday; Mrs. E. C. Knapp, Spokane, secretary for Washington, and Secretary Williams, of British Columbia, were the principal speakers this morning.

Albert Menthorne, a Umatilla Indian, with Allen Pattawa and Miss Barnhart, of the same reservation, are here. Menthorne made a speech and sang with the other Indians. He hunted deer with Ben Brown and the Palmers in earliest days of Grande Ronde Valley, he said. The principal address was by John Alexander, of the "Teens Department."

The leading features of today's work was the state officers' reports at simultaneous meetings in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist Churches. Missions, temperance, good citizenship, home visitation, county officers and workers were the principal themes. Mrs. E. C. Knapp, Charles A. Phipps, Portland, general secretary for Oregon; Guy E. Needham, Portland, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Rev. I. W. Williamson, Vancouver, B. C.; Dr. J. D. Springston, Portland; Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton, and Mrs. S. W. Ormsby, state superintendent, of Portland, were the principal speakers.

Thursday night a "Teen Age" banquet will be held at the Methodist Church, I. W. Williamson presiding.

The convention closes Friday night with a general session and song service, led by Jesse M. Jones, convention leader. Boys' and Girls' conferences will be held May 2 and 3, under the leadership of Mrs. Ormsby and Mrs. E. C. Knapp for the girls and John Alexander for the boys.

PENDLETON BOY HONORED

Mayor Matlock's Son Hears of Monument Erected to Memory.

PENDLETON, Or., April 30. — (Special.)—Westley Matlock, son of Mayor W. F. Matlock, of this city, has just recently learned that a monument has been erected to his memory and on a spot in far-away Alaska where he was supposed to have been buried.

The story reached Mr. Matlock through A. J. Miller, a railroad traveling agent, who some time ago made a trip through Alaska. Passing a grave in the frozen North, Mr. Miller was informed by an Eskimo that a Mr. Matlock was buried there. Knowing that Westley Matlock, of Pendleton, had been in that part of Alaska, Mr. Miller took it for granted that it was he who rested beneath the ice cairn. Mr. Miller passed half a day erecting a crude monument over the grave.

CAPITOL GROUP PLANNED

Washington to Keep Within Limit of $5,250,000 for Buildings.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—In planning future buildings for the new group system capitol, efforts will be made to keep well inside the $5,250,000 which, it is estimated, the lands of the state capitol grant will bring on a fair market.

Any amount that may be left, when capitol fund indebtedness is settled and buildings constructed, it was stated, might be invested and the interest used for capitol maintenance.

Although it was declared there was no immediate prospect of continuing further with the Temple of Justice, or the construction of other buildings in the new group plan, without further legislation, the capitol commission yesterday approved the purchase of $43,100 worth of additional lands for the capitol site, and negotiations were said to be under way for other lots to be added to the site.

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DEMOCRATS ARE SCORED

W. A. PRENDERGAST ASSAILS REASON GIVEN FOR PRESENT TIMES.

"Readjustment" Excuse Denounced. Voters Would Not Have Aided Party If Result Known.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 30.—Controller William A. Prendergast, of New York, addressing a Republican meeting tonight, said:

"Secretary of Commerce Redfield uses the word 'readjustment' to describe the present widespread conditions of unemployment and the Nation-wide stagnation in business. Is it not pertinent to ask Mr. Redfield whether President Wilson or any of his followers informed the people during the Presidential campaign that the freedom from monopoly, the increase of prosperity and the reduction in the cost of living which they were promising were only to be accomplished after a period of 'readjustment?' How many voters would have supported the Democratic ticket in 1912 if they had known that mills would be closed, that everywhere men would be cast out of work, that privation would reach into every part of the land, that capital would seek safety in inactivity, before any of the golden predictions of President Wilson and his supporters had been realized?"

Discussing the proposal to pay Colombia $25,000,000 for her Panama rights, Mr. Prendergast said:

"Colombia forfeited every claim to any indemnities from this Nation by her wanton treatment of us in 1903. She has no valid claim now."

WALLACE STRUBLE QUITS

Astoria Gets Well-Known Secretary From Lewiston Organization.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—The board of directors of the Lewiston Commercial Club have accepted the resignation of Wallace R. Struble as secretary of the club, and directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Struble expressing appreciation of his work and wishing him success in his new field at Astoria.

Mr. Struble has been in Portland for some time directing the work of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways Association, and has accepted the position of secretary with the Ports of Columbia and the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, the step resulting in tendering a resignation of his position here.

SUIT OF PIONEER HEARD

Ezra Meeker Seeks Share of Property Held by Prominent Centralian.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—The case of Ezra Meeker against R. W. Waddle was heard by Judge Rice in the Superior Court Tuesday and taken under advisement. Meeker is one of the state's oldest pioneers. He lives at Puyallup. Waddle is a prominent resident of Centralia.

When the latter's wife died without leaving any will her husband took over all the property which is located in and near this city. Mrs. Meeker, however, Mrs. Waddle's sister, claimed a share of the estate as her own, and when she died she willed this share to Meeker. It is to recover this that the pioneer filed suit.

Cold Damages Idaho Fruit Crop.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—The fall in temperature in this immediate district during the past several days has done but little, if any, damage to the fruit crop. Growers of garden truck report slight damage has been done to some of the tender plants, such as beans and tomatoes. Several miles down Snake River considerable damage was done, and some growers state they will have but a 50 per cent crop.

WIFE-MURDERER IS SUICIDE

Three Months of Married Life Ends in Double Tragedy at Roslyn.

ROSLYN, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—While all police officers and Deputy Sheriffs in this vicinity were searching for him on a charge of murderous assault on his wife, Robert Bell, colored, a miner, eluded them and committed suicide by drowning in a slough.

Bell was married three months ago and his mental derangement was thought due in part to domestic infelicity.

177 BALLOTS ARE REQUIRED

Single Tax and City Ownership Man New Seattle Councilman.

SEATTLE, April 30.—George R. Cooley, advocate of municipal ownership, single tax and prohibition, was elected a member of the City Council by that body today, on the 177th ballot.

He succeeds John G. Peirce, who resigned under charges.

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