

3 DEAD IN FOREST FIRE NEAR DRAIN

Others Injured and Lumber Camp Is Destroyed, While Flames Spreading.

DYNAMITE BLAST IS CAUSE

Men Fighting Fire Suddenly Surrounded as Wind Causes Change in Course—One Leaves Bride of Only Three Months.

DRAIN, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Three men lost their lives today in a forest fire which destroyed all the camp equipment and three donkey engines of the Leona Mills Lumber Company, two miles west of the town of Leona. The fire is still raging and a large force of men are fighting it. The dead are John P. Durfee, Albert Saffley and George Hughes. Hiram Applegate and several others were badly burned. The fire started from a log on which two blasts of dynamite had been placed. One of the charges did not explode and the men were afraid to approach the spot to combat the fire until it had spread beyond control. The victims were caught when the wind suddenly changed the course of the fire, surrounding them. Mr. Durfee is survived by a wife and two children, and Mr. Hughes leaves a bride of three months.

TOWN IN IDAHO IS MENACED

Force of 900 Men Struggles to Stem Conflagration Near Bovill.

BOVILL, Idaho, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Forest fires tonight are threatening to destroy Bovill. Potlatch and Elk River have sent large numbers of men, bringing to the fire the force that is fighting the flames. Practically all the women and children of the town have been taken to places of safety. Everything at Ferdue and Camp Eight, with the exception of the machine shops, has been burned. No lives have been lost, but narrow escapes have been numerous. Settlers' homes throughout the fire area have been destroyed, and the loss of hay-filled barns, horses and other livestock has been great. From what can be learned the fire area covers about 15 square miles and the flames are racing toward Collins and Elk River. Large crews of men along the fire front are working under the leadership of T. P. Jones, superintendent of the Potlatch Lumber Company, at Bovill. Last night 40 men patrolled this town to prevent looting, which seemed to be imminent. Men who refused to work on the fire are being arrested. Deputy Sheriff Pat Malone and locked in jail. The fire is within a quarter of a mile from the outskirts of Bovill. The town has no fire protection, and even the supply of drinking water gave out yesterday morning.

FIRE NEAR JASPER SERIOUS

Large Force of Men Assemble to Protect Nearby Farms.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—A large force of men was assembled today in Jasper, where a fire in the vicinity of Thuston, eight miles east of Eugene, to fight a fire, started two days ago by lightning, which has become dangerous. J. M. Skinner, deputy fire warden, returned today from Cottage Grove and immediately took steps to get in touch with the fire at Jasper and also with a serious fire at Vida. At Cottage Grove he left eight men in apparent control of a fire east of Coast Fork after it had burned over 100 acres. Eight men are also in charge of a fire east of London, which has burned over 50 acres.

BIG SLASHING FIRE STARTED

Precautions Taken to Control Burning of 110 Acres at White Salmon.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The largest slashing fire in the White Salmon Valley this season was the 110-acre clearing of the Acme Orchard Company, which was fired Friday night. This orchard is a 360-acre tract belonging to an organization of traveling men with Ed B. Dorsey as resident manager. The blaze was spectacular and was witnessed by persons from all parts of Western Klickitat County. County Fire Warden Rankin, of Goldendale, had charge of the arrangements for safeguarding the surrounding ranches. R. C. Bruce, who has charge of a moving-picture outfit that has taken pictures of the White Salmon Valley and Mount Adams country for the past two months, took moving pictures of the blaze.

SEVERAL BAD FIRE RAGING

Clearwater and Selway Forest Sections Are Ablaze.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Several bad forest fires rage in the Clearwater and Selway forest reserves. C. A. Fisher, of the Clearwater reserve, stationed at Orofino, Idaho, came here yesterday in an endeavor to get 75 men to fight the fires. Electrical storms the past several days started a dozen new fires along the Lolo trail. The regular force of the forestry department has been fighting fires for three weeks and every available man in the upper country has been added to the force.

ST. HELENS NEAR YANXTON THREATENED.

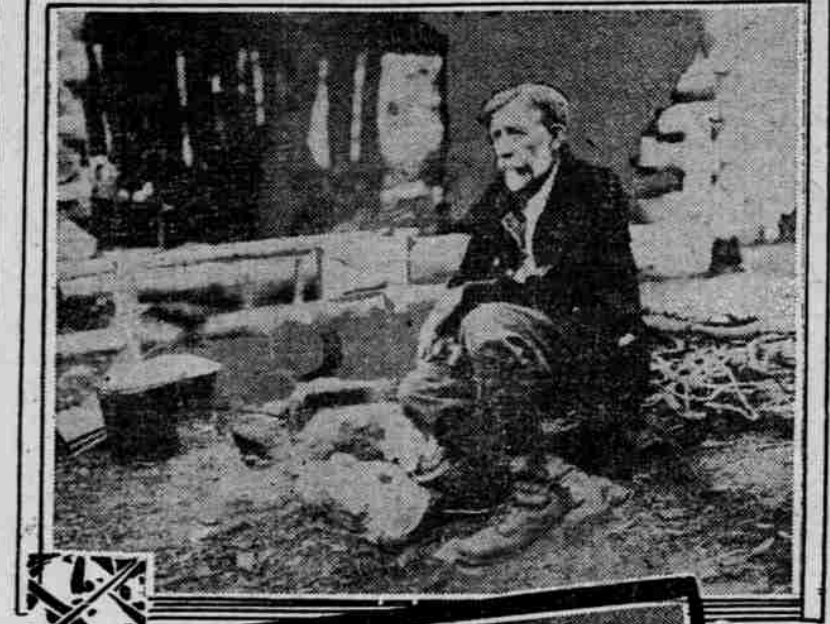
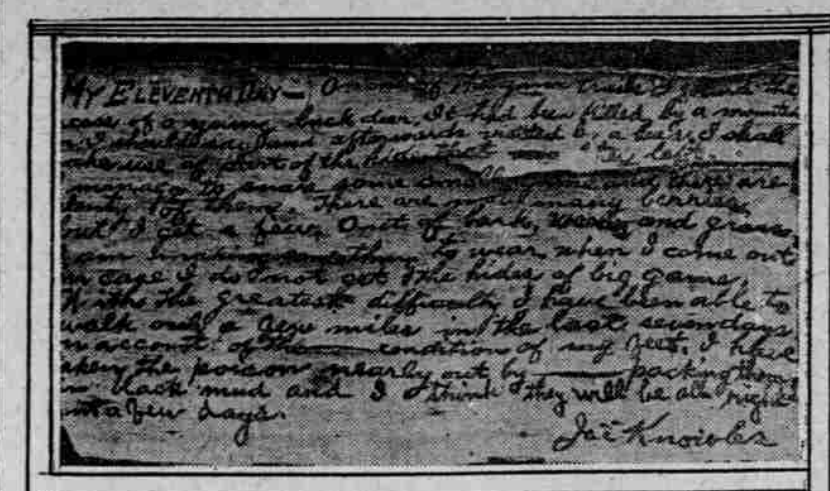
Fire Chief Allen and a Squad of Firefighters Have Hastened to Yanxton, in Response to a Call that Van Natta's Farm House and Several Other Farm Places are Threatened. The Fire Originated Near Natta's Camp Several Days Ago and, after a Fight, It Was Declared Beyond Danger. It Has Broken Out Anew.

MILL BURNS; TO RISE AGAIN

Shingle Plant Loss Near Chehalis Is About \$25,000.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The Bunker Shingle Company's mill at Bunker, ten miles west of Chehalis, burned today. The loss was \$25,000 and the insurance \$10,000. One carload of the mill logging company's logs burned. J. F. Laughran, of Chehalis, owner of the burned mill, will rebuild immediately.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM KNOWLES' CAMP SHOW PROGRESS MADE BY NATURE MAN.



Top—Letter Written by Knowles on Bark Covering Movements on 11th Day. Center—Professor C. L. Edwards in Camp. Bottom—Knowles' First Sandals, Made of Bark and Twisted Grasses.

CHARCOAL HIS PEN

Knowles Writes With Blackened Ember on Bark.

NOTE TOUCHED UP AT CAMP

Message From Woodsman Is Sent to The Oregonian—Scientists Prepare to Visit Joe in His Retreat to Study Methods.

KNOWLES CAMP, Klamath National Forest, via Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Charred wood taken from his woodsman's fires was Joe Knowles' fountain pen used by him in writing his 11th message, which has been dispatched to the Oregonian. The letter was written on a section of green fir bark, which had been peeled from the tree with a stone implement. Originally it was written on the smooth undersurface of this bark with charcoal. While Knowles' first letter was written with charcoal, his fire and was scratchy and hard to read, the one for the seventh was written with smooth charcoal, which had evidently been specially made for the purpose by charring green wood. The letter in its present state is not as originally found. Charcoal is the only material Mr. Knowles has or can have until he is somewhat further along. Charcoal is, however, not permanent enough to stand shipment or handling. The 11th letter "is touched up" by E. E. Lambert with ivory black after it had been received in camp, examined and translated. In other words, Mr. Lambert traced over Mr. Knowles' handwriting with a brush. "Now that we know that Mr. Knowles is likely to write with charcoal," said Professor Waterman, "we shall try to provide ourselves with 'fixatif,' which will make the record permanent without modifying it. The bark record sent to The Oregonian, therefore, is really a facsimile of the original. The bark is the original piece, but the writing is in a 'civilized' material." Dr. Lambert started today to visit Knowles in his home in the woods. For just two weeks the man of the forest has been alone except when he has been seen by miners, and now these special observers, who were sent here to see how Knowles lived and made his weapons and instruments, are going into the woods to have him demonstrate his work. Professor Edwards left a note for Joe two days ago, saying "I have the intention of the men to take photographs of his home and his work and asking for an appointment. In all probability they will hear from him the next time he sends a message to the outside world and then they will go in." Lambert has discovered a pool in the Indian Creek which is trapped on the bank in such a manner as might be made by Knowles' sandals, and it appears probable that this is the spot where he has been catching his fish.

PARCEL POST TRADE HELPS

Express Companies Not Hurt in Washington as Figures Tell.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)

The parcel post has helped rather than hurt the business of express companies in the State of Washington, according to the indications of reports

"SEVEN SISTERS" BILLS IN NEW SNAG

Delay of Review of Count of Washington Petitions Keeps Them From Booklet.

FOES PLAN VARIED ATTACK

Contest of Old Suits and Filing of More Charges Outlined by Opponents—Names Wrongly Excluded, Is Plaint.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The decision of the Thurston County Superior Court not to start review of the count of the protested initiative bills until Wednesday, August 12, has put new delay in the way of getting the bills and their arguments before the voters in the state's booklet and has caused fresh embarrassment to State Printer Lamborn. The joint legislative committee representing the farmers and labor organizations, which circulated the petitions for the "Seven Sisters" bills, has opened the battle in the courts by obtaining from the Thurston County Superior Court a citation to review the count of No. 7, the bill to abolish the State Bureau of Inspection of Public Offices, and of No. 10, the convict highway bill, two of the four measures the petitions for which were found insufficient.

Rehearing in View.

Govnor Teats, attorney for the committee, is preparing to ask the Supreme Court for a rehearing of its refusal to mandamus Secretary of State Howell to print arguments on the bills free of charge in the state booklet. The law provides that proponents of bills must pay the added cost of printing and binding the arguments, but Attorney Teats takes issue on that point, claiming that this is in violation of the constitutional amendment providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

Opponents of the initiative bills have inspected the petitions after the count by the Secretary of State and say they are prepared to file suit to contest the suits started by the friends of the bills, but to bring other suits to have those of the measures accepted by the Secretary of State excluded from the ballot.

Proponents declare Secretary Howell had no right to constitute himself a handwriting expert and to reject signatures apparently written by others than those whose names are used. They object also to his rejection of names where the initials are not in the hand of the officer who certifies that the names are those of qualified voters. The opponents say they have found many additional names on each of the bills which should have been excluded.

Margins Not Great.

If the court decides against any of the rulings of Secretary Howell it will be necessary to recount the petitions and this will require several days. None of the "Seven Sisters" has a large margin of signatures over or below the number required to win a place on the ballot, and any marked modification of the secretary's rulings might change the result in the case of any of them.

CENTRALIA REPORT MADE

Examiners Score Police Court and Would Oust Health Officer.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The report of L. D. Brown and J. M. Rummel, state examiners, who recently checked the books and records of Centralia city officials, has been received by the City Commission. It states that the City Commissioners are giving the city faithful service. The examiners advise that the \$20,000 bond of the Union Loan and Trust Company is inadequate to cover the \$75,000 of money on deposit there. The police court is scored for the loose manner in which the docket is kept and the Commission is advised to declare the office of health officer vacant. Dr. Livingston, having refused to put up the \$500 bond required by city ordinance.

TWO PETITIONS ARE SHORT

Fish Bill and Measure to Abolish Washington Tax Body Lose.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—The final count on initiative measure No. 12 shows 31,214 valid signatures, or 622 less than required to place it on the ballot. The measure proposes the abolition of the state tax commission. The count on the so-called fish bill petition gives it 30,499 valid signatures, or 127 fewer than required. This ends the count on the initiative measures. Five of the nine submitted are declared to be entitled to places on the ballot.

WIRE - STRETCHER KILLS

Machine Breaks, Fracturing Skull of J. F. Smith, of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—James F. Smith died in a local hospital Monday from the injuries received while stretching a fence on his farm near Rogerson. When the patent wire-stretcher broke a portion of it struck him on the head, fracturing the skull. He never regained consciousness. He leaves a wife and several children.

CENTRALIANS IN GERMANY

Two Sisters Studying Music Are in Zone of Conflict.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Lena and Lenora Pitzer, daughters of Herr Carl Pitzer, supervisor of music in the local schools, are in Germany taking a three-year course in music, and their parents are worrying over their safety in the present European difficulties. The sisters are believed to be the only Centralians in the war zone. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott left for Berlin two weeks ago.

Centralian Dies Suddenly.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—George R. Martin, a pioneer mill man of Centralia, died suddenly yesterday afternoon from paralysis. He had been in ill health for several years. Mr. Martin owned a big interest in the H. H. Martin Lumber Company, operating a mill here. He is survived by his widow, mother, one brother and one sister.

"Co-Operation" Lecture Topic.

"Voluntary Versus Compulsory Co-operation" will be the topic at tonight's Bonville lecture in room A of the Central Library. J. O. Starna, P. will preside and H. C. Oldhoff and others will speak. The lecture, which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, is the 51st in the course now being given under the auspices of the Bonville Industrial League.

SCAFFOLD FALLS; 3 HURT

Train Causes Drop From Bridge to Creek, 35 Feet Below.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Six painters narrowly escaped death and three were seriously injured when the scaffolding from which they were painting the underside of a railroad bridge of the Willamette Pacific, 17 miles west of Eugene, was caught by a train crossing the bridge jacked up against the bottom of the bridge until the ropes broke and then dropped into the creek bottom 35 feet below. The unhurt fell into the water. The others fell on the rocks. J. L. Smith has a broken arm, a broken leg and bad cuts and bruises on his head; C. P. Cook has a broken jaw, and is badly bruised about the body and hands; Joe Helrick has an injured wrist and a mashed foot. They were put onto a freight train, brought to Eugene and taken to the hospital.

OFFER FOR ROAD REJECTED

Lane County Court Holds Railway Must Replace Highway.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The Lane County Court today rejected the offer of \$17,000 made by the Willamette Pacific as a purchase price for 11 miles of road on the Siuslaw road, destroyed by the railroad. The rejection of the offer, it is said, means that the railroad must rebuild the road. The highway was an outlet for the people of the lower Siuslaw, and it also would be the last link in the formation of a motor highway into the Siuslaw to connect with the coast road which will soon connect by way of Cape Perpetua and Newport with the Willamette Valley at Corvallis.

PARK HIGHWAY WORK ON

Crews of Workers and Teams Go to Pluvius to Start Operations.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Several teams with grading equipment passed through Pe Ell this week headed for Pluvius to begin work on the National Park Highway. The recent work between Pe Ell and Wauville by Lewis County and the work under way in the Meskili neighborhood soon will make the road in good condition and it is believed that by another season the highway will open a way to the Pacific County beaches that will make it one of the most popular roads in Southwest Washington.

STORM BLOCKS ROAD

No Train From East Reaches Baker in More Than Day.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—While playing on some single bolts in the edge of the Cowitz River here Sunday afternoon, Harlan, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson, who live near this city, slipped off a bolt and drowned before help could reach him. Although there were a number of persons on both sides of the river when he went down, the men were so far away that by the time they reached the water's edge he had disappeared. The body was recovered in about an hour. Though strenuous efforts were made to resuscitate the boy, the attempt proved useless. The lad's mother was sitting on a log but a short distance away and saw him sink. Father would shoot son, says wife. ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Alleging that her husband tried to shoot her son to drive him away from

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BAKER, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—As result of a downpour like a cloudburst, followed by a landslide, yesterday afternoon, which covered the O-W, R. & N. tracks for a long distance near Huntington, no train came through this city from the East between yesterday morning and this afternoon. The slide occurred about eight miles this side of Huntington. Word was speedily sent for help and a big gang of men was put to work clearing the track. More trouble occurred this morning just as the workers were beginning to get the track clear, when another slide took place and made it necessary to begin all over again. All westbound trains were held up

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QUINABY, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—More than 1000 persons attended the services at the Quinaby Park tabernacle Sunday, where the United Evangelical Church is holding a convention and camp meeting. From the early morning services until 10 o'clock at night there was not a vacant moment on the programme. Rev. C. C. Poling, of Portland, made a stirring address at 3 o'clock. Rev. G. L. Lovell, of the Ockley Green Church, of Portland, had charge of the music. The veteran minister, Rev. J. Bowersox, and Rev. J. A. Gonda, of Portland, spoke yesterday on the subjects, "The Obligations of the Community to the Preacher," and "The Obligations of the Preacher to the Community." Today was Christian Endeavor and Sunday school day.

Gresham Growers After Cannery Site

Meeting of the Gresham Fruit-growers' Association will be called this week to select a site for the co-operative cannery. This announcement is made by President H. E. Davis. Six sites in Gresham have been offered. Field Superintendent Stirling, and Troutdale has offered a free site, trackage and a \$1000 bonus. Grounds for the new cannery will be broken by September 1, say the directors.

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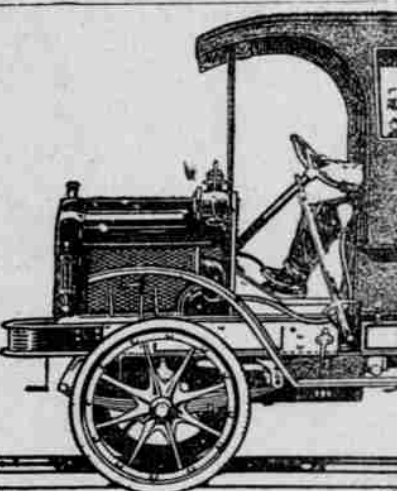
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