

CHIEF FORESTER ON HUNT FOR MINERAL

H. S. Graves Off to Inspect Possibilities of Land in Two Reservations.

FIGHT ON FIRES PRAISED

Service of Rangers on Severe Test Highly Commended and Need of More Trails and Telephone Lines Thought Imperative.

Accompanied by District Forester George Cecil, of Portland, H. S. Graves, Chief Forester of the United States, who has been at the Hotel Benson for several days, left last night for a thorough inspection of the Olympic National Forest and the National Monument in Washington. Before entering the reserve Mr. Graves and Mr. Cecil will be joined by Superintendent Fromme, of the National Forest, and F. H. Stannard, who represents the mining interests of Seattle.

Detraining at Hood River, the party will proceed to the southern portion of the National Monument, across to Hoquiam via Lake Quinault. Later, from Port Angeles, they will go through the north end of the National Monument, which comprises 600,000 acres.

Foresters to Visit Park.

At Seattle the foresters will meet with the members of the Mountaineers' Club, who are interested in the forest affairs of Washington. When Tacoma Chief Forester Graves will attend a banquet tendered by the Commercial Club. With the representative citizens of the various districts will discuss problems relating to the Mount Rainier National Park, near Tacoma.

Mr. Graves expects to reach Portland on his return about October 6. He is scheduled to address the Progressive Businessmen's Club on September 8, and will then leave for Medford, where he has been invited by the Commercial Club to go over certain matters connected with the opening of the Crater Lake National Park and the improvement of roads entering it. Mr. Graves hopes to be able to visit Crater Lake for the first time.

From Medford Mr. Graves will visit California points before returning to Washington.

National Resources Studied.

"Recently we have received numerous petitions from individuals and commercial bodies asking that the Government allow the mineral development of the National Monument," said Chief Forester Graves yesterday. "In response I would investigate the land before making my recommendation, and the trip which I start tonight is the special object of my presence in the Northwest."

While the mineral development of the Monument may not hinder abolish it and place it on the same basis as the remainder of the National Forest surrounding it, which has many mining projects, or else modify the boundaries of the Monument so that mining may be carried on without violation of the law. In the portions of the Olympic forest outside of the Monument, we not only permit but encourage prospecting. As we proceed through the different towns we probably will meet intermittently with various delegations who are asking a change in the conduct of the Monument.

Severe Test Well Met.

"Before I go I wish to say how pleased I am with the results of this year's fight with the forest fires in this territory. Weather Forecaster Beals informs me that Oregon has just passed through the dryest spell of which there is record. The dryness of the climate has, of course, meant a severe menace to our department, and I am frank to say that we have had the hardest fight since the summer of 1910, when 79 fire-fighters were killed."

"I feel that our department has stood a severe test and proved its ability to cope with the worst of situations. The results should establish a general confidence in our present methods, which have been materially aided by the trails that we have cut and the telephone lines that we have established. Every mile of such improvement adds to the insurance of timber. The help of these improvements that have been made from season to season demonstrates the necessity of extending the system rapidly."

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORLAND, Sept. 22.—Maximum temperature, 78 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 4.8 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot fall. Total rainfall (8 A. M.)—yesterday, 2.96 inches; normal, 1.14 inches; 11 minutes, possible maximum, 11 inches. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 30.06 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	MAX.	MIN.	WIND.	WEATHER.
Baker	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Benton	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Bethel	74.0	69.0	SW	Cloudy
Chicago	74.0	69.0	N.W.	Cloudy
Chester	74.0	69.0	Calm	Clear
Denver	74.0	69.0	SW	Cloudy
Des Moines	64.0	58.8	SW	Cloudy
Eureka	64.0	57.0	SW	Cloudy
Galveston	84.0	69.0	SE	Cloudy
Jacksonville	84.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Kansas City	68.0	52.0	SW	Clear
Las Vegas	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Marysville	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Medford	68.0	52.0	SW	Clear
Montgomery	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
New Orleans	84.0	69.0	SW	Cloudy
New York	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
North Head	61.0	50.0	SW	Clear
North Yakima	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Oakdale	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Phoenix	69.0	52.0	SW	Clear
Pocatello	64.0	52.0	SW	Clear
Roseburg	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Sacramento	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
St. Louis	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Salt Lake	68.0	52.0	SW	Clear
San Francisco	62.0	56.0	SW	Clear
Seattle	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Spokane	72.0	60.0	SW	Clear
Tacoma	66.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Toronto Island	74.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Victoria, B. C.	78.0	69.0	SW	Clear
Winnipeg	68.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy
Yellowstone Park	69.0	52.0	SW	Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A large high-pressure area extends from British Columbia southeastward to Kansas and the barometer is relatively low over the St. Louis region, and in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The pressure has fallen in the Upper Mississippi Valley, and a wide strip of territory extending from Texas northeastward to the Lake Region.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Wednesday.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; northerly winds.

Portland and Washington—Fair; northeasterly winds.

Idaho—Fair. EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forester.

It has been estimated that every square mile of the ocean is inhabited by 120,000,000 living beings.

TUITION FOUND FAIR

Commercial Club Committee Reports on Protest.

UNION HIGH PLAN URGED

Investigators Uphold Board's \$80 Annual Charge, Declaring Crowd-ed Conditions and Rights of City Sustain Fee.

Contending that the new tuition rates assessed by the School Board for the attendance of non-residents in the Portland schools are just and fair, a special committee of the Portland Commercial Club appointed to investigate recent protest, in filing its report with President Ramsdell yesterday, recommends as solution of the present difficulty the establishment of union high schools in Multnomah and adjoining counties for the accommodation of non-resident students.

The report as signed by the full committee—C. C. Colt, J. Fred Larson and George L. Baker—reads as follows:

To the President of the Commercial Club, Portland, Oregon:

—Your committee appointed to investigate the question of high school tuition charged non-residents of the City of Portland, which was brought about by the communication of Mrs. D. C. Bates, dated August 27, 1914, begs to report as follows:

The question involved appeared to be first—Whether or not the \$80 tu-

ition fee was justified from the actual expenses involved.

Second—From an economic standpoint, should the city permit outside pupils to attend Portland high schools without tuition or with a charge less than the actual cost?

The School Board, however, does not propose to take non-resident pupils en-

titling them to the same courses of instruction and privileges as the children of our own citizens enjoy by the payment of the actual cost.

It developed, also, that non-resident pupils are not likely to go to the minor or older schools but usually pick the best-equipped buildings and the most expensive courses offered.

The remedy: It is our understand-

ing, upon investigation, that it is pos-

sible for the school districts in the

United States to unite and form a union

high school from another district, and the cost per pupil in Portland is not exceeded by comparison with other localities.

We further find, upon investigation,

that the new tuition rates made by the School Board, and where it developed that the pupils or their parents were in any way actually unable to pay the tuition, and when such cases were determined, they were granted free tuition. Numerous instances were cited where there had been done, and we are satisfied that the School Board has treated such cases equitably.

Credit Condition Considered.

In considering the second question, it is obviously not good policy from a business standpoint to grant free tuition or credits to pupils who do not reside in the city, whose schools are crowded beyond their capacity, and the present time due to the discontinuation of many of the children who do reside in the city and whose parents live here and are paying taxes.

We have covered many cases where residents

of Portland have complained of the facilities provided and of the fact that outside pupils were permitted to attend Portland schools on practically an equal footing with residents of the city.

The enrollment for the season of

1914-1915 shows that the registration

of Portland high schools has in-

creased something over 40 per cent.

This added condition will make it a considerable burden to the

attendance properly this year, with the prospect of an ever-increasing de-

mand upon our facilities.

It is evident, therefore, that from an

economic standpoint it is hardly to be expected that non-resident pupils

should be permitted to seek

their children to the Portland high

schools at a cost which is less than

the cost of instruction and supplies.

The School Board, however, does not

intend to discriminate against non-

resident pupils by giving them the same

courses of instruction and privileges

as the children of our own citizens

enjoy by the payment of the actual

cost.

It is considered possible to send their

children to the Portland schools without

tuition, and at all events, the

parents will be better off if they can

send their children to the Portland

schools.

It is recommended that the

School Board consider the

advice of the committee.

Very truly yours,

C. C. COLT,

J. FRED LARSON,

GEORGE L. BAKER.

BISHOP-ELECT PONDERS

DEAN SUMNER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION.

Clergyman Hon. Honor Under Consideration—Portland Organizations Urge Him to Accept.

Without committing himself as to whether he would accept the election

as bishop of the diocese of Oregon,

Very Reverend Walter T. Summer

yesterday acknowledged the official tele-

gram from the Portland School Board

urging him to accept the position.

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