

AIRPLANES ORDERED TO FOREST FIRES

Blaze Along Columbia Highway Is Spreading.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Two New Fires in Snoqualmie National Forest Are Reported to District Office.

A number of the airplanes which have been sent from San Francisco to take up active duty in forest fire patrol over the forests of Oregon have been ordered by A. O. Wahla, district forester in charge of operations, who has been conferring with the aviators at Eugene, to report for scouting duty at the large fire in the Oregon national forest at Wyeth, on the Columbia highway. How many have been delegated to the fire was not learned yesterday. The fliers are to co-operate with the fighters on the ground in doing reconnaissance work, discovering the actual boundaries of the fire and advising as to the best means of combating the blaze.

Fire Spreads Toward Lake.
The latest report of the fire received at forestry headquarters yesterday advised that all available men were being put to work to try to check the blaze which was causing undue trouble. The fire is driving back into the virgin timber over the crest of the bluffs along the highway and is spreading toward the Wahtum lake area. However, the fire is some distance from the lake as yet, and no anxiety has been caused for the boys at the scout camp on the lake. Every precaution is being taken to provide for the boys' safety, and James E. Brockway, scout executive, avers that there is no cause for alarm.

Two New Fires Reported.
Two new fires have been reported to the district forester's office. Both are burning in the Snoqualmie national forest in the vicinity of Sater river. One, at the headwaters of the river, has grown to cover an area of 200 or 300 acres and is spreading rapidly. George L. Drake, national forest examiner, has gone to the scene of this fire. Another fire is farther down the river, west of the town of Darrington. No details of this fire could be gained yesterday.

Two other fires in northeastern Washington, which were reported to the forester's office Saturday, were known today to be in better shape. They are in the Colville forest reserve. The weather conditions have made the fighting there easier and effective, and it is hoped soon to have the fires under control.

Conditions Are Critical.
No other fires, with the exception of the one at Wyeth, are burning in the Oregon national forests. In the private patrol areas in western Oregon, however, the conditions are still critical. The Tillamook fires are practically the same as they have been for some days. No doubt the fire broke its bounds on the lower end, but no trouble is experienced in handling it. Thirty-nine men were sent to fight it yesterday by the Forest Fire Patrol association. No reports were received from Cochran or Belding yesterday, but it is thought the lack of information is indicative of unfavorable conditions. One new fire was reported south of Tillamook in the timber of the Lumber company, where the Yellow Fir company is operating. Description of the fire was not available.
The fire which was reported at Mohler, north of Nehalem, was confined to the slashings and was not causing any trouble.

WHITE SALMON THREATENED

Business Suspended and Everybody Fights Dangerous Blaze.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., July 17.—(Special.)—A spectacular brush and grass fire which started near the Zigler place, just below the high bluff at Bingen Friday night, ran up the hill for several hundred feet, endangering White Salmon's residence district. Property owners along the bluff were up all night fighting the fire and protecting their property.
At noon Saturday a brisk westerly wind fanned the flames as they were considered necessary to sound a general alarm to protect the endangered town, but the fire was confined to the grass and windfalls and no damage to property resulted. Business for a while was entirely suspended. An emergency pipe line was laid down Jewett avenue to the bluff, which is two blocks away. The 350-foot stairway from the dock road up the bluff was partly destroyed.
Several new small fires in the vicinity of the White Salmon and Little White Salmon rivers have been reported, but no damage of consequence has resulted as far as known. The air is filled with dense smoke.

LANE FIRES MOSTLY SMALL

First Plane of This Year's Patrol Leaves Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Small fires in different parts of the Coast and Cascade mountains were reported today and a large number of men are fighting them. No serious fires are located in the national forests, however. A 400-acre blaze that had been raging in the Lorane district, south of Eugene, was being fought by the farmers in that locality and was partially under control. The spread of the fire had been slow and no great damage had been done.
A big fire near Triangle lake, 25 miles northwest of Eugene, is now under control. The blaze along the McKenzie highway between Bluff river and McKenzie bridge has made it uncomfortable for motorists, as it

PLANS LAID FOR EDITORS

STATE ASSOCIATION SESSION TO BE WELL ATTENDED.

Corvallis Will Give Delegates Fine Entertainment, Including Outing at Newport.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Plans for the meeting of the Oregon State Editorial association in this city next Friday, Saturday and Sunday are about completed. Invitations have been sent by the Corvallis chamber of commerce to every editor in the state. All papers have been notified and invited to be here by Hal Ross, secretary of the state association; by Frank Snow, head of the department of industrial journalism at Oregon Agricultural college, and by George Turnbull of the University school of journalism at Eugene. Replies are beginning to come in, which indicate that there will be a large attendance.
The shop part of the programme has been made up to suit the needs of both the small daily and the weekly. An important part of the business session will be a report from W. F. G. Thayer of the school of journalism in time to connect with the north bound electric train reaching Portland about 5 o'clock in the evening. If the programme is not completed when the special train is due to start, it will be finished en route.
Saturday afternoon the Corvallis chamber of Commerce will take the association to Newport by special train. There it will be entertained by the Newport Community club, a seafood dinner being one of the attractions. The special train will return to Corvallis in time to connect with the north bound electric train reaching Portland about 5 o'clock in the evening. If the programme is not completed when the special train is due to start, it will be finished en route.

LOG OPERATIONS TO CEASE

Operators to Wait Till Rains Eliminate Fire Hazards.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 17.—(Special.)—The following resolution was adopted by loggers assembled here today:

"In view of the unprecedented dry spell, creating a serious situation, it was decided that this organization take effect as it can in conjunction with the forestry department to reduce the fire hazard created by logging operations, hereby pickers, campers, etc., by requesting that the present enacted laws be vigorously enforced and that all logging operators comply with the request of the governor of the state of Washington and the minister of lands of British Columbia in ceasing logging operations until the occurrence of sufficient rains has eliminated the fire hazard so as to make the carrying on of logging operations safe."

MOST FIRES IN SLASHINGS

No Serious Blazes Reported to State Forester's Office.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Although a large number of fires have been reported to the state forester's office here during the past ten days, none of them are of a serious nature, according to a statement issued here today by Frank Elliott, state forester. In most instances the fires have been confined to slashings, and little or no valuable timber has been destroyed, the state forester said.
The most serious fire reported, Mr. Elliott said, is now raging along Herman creek.
Fire Menaces Macey Park.
Residents of Willamette Heights reported a forest fire blazing back of that section last night and which seemed to be menacing a portion of Macey park. One fireman was sent to the scene. No details of this fire could be gained yesterday.

BIRTHDAY IS RECALLED

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back to the days when he was 50 instead of 15.

Inventor Was Hard Up.
"That was a long time ago," he observed. "The laboratory at Menlo Park," he paused to laugh—"that building was the negation of all architecture. We built it in the simplest possible way because I was short of money. I always was. The life of an inventor, from childhood to death, is a continuous state of being hard up. I guess inventors are necessary evils of civilization."
He laid the page down and pushed his spectacles up as if they were slipping down his nose. He looked at his watch and said: "I thought then," he resumed, "that it was possible to make a machine that would reproduce human voice. After that the question was to find the easiest way to try the experiment, so I sketched a machine. I got it as I wanted it on August 15, and sent it down to John Kreuz, my instrument maker."

"How much money did I say Kreuz could have to construct it?" he asked, turning to William H. Meadowcroft, who has been associated with him nearly half a century.
"Eighteen dollars," Meadowcroft told him.
Edison laughed again.
"I had to be careful," he said. "I didn't have much money to spend on experiments."
"Did you foresee then what place the invention would have in modern life?" he was asked.
"I thought of it at first principally in connection with dictation," Mr. Edison answered. "It didn't look as if we could make it perfect enough to produce music enjoyably."
Kreuz, in spite of his faith in his chief, declared the latest scheme of a machine to record talk was a "crazy idea." The foreman of the machine shop offered to bet the inventor a box of cigars it wouldn't work. But it did work, while the laboratory staff stood amazed and joined hands and danced and sang around it and stayed up all night trying it out.
The next day Mr. Edison took the machine to the office of the Scientific American in New York and displayed it to the editor, Alfred H. Beach, and an astonished crowd of the wildest reports of the new invention filled the newspapers and went around the world.

RAIL HEARING IS TODAY

QUESTION OF TEARING UP TRACK TO BE ARGUED.

Oregon Trunk Would Abandon 18 Miles of Line, but Plan Is to Be Fought Bitterly.

Hearing on the proposal to abandon and tear up 18 miles of the Oregon Trunk railroad, between South Junction and Metolius, Or., will open before the Oregon public service commission in Portland at 10 o'clock this morning. Application for abandonment of this line and subsequent joint use of the O.-W. R. & N. line between these points was presented to the interstate commerce commission several months ago. The federal commission vested the state commission with authority to conduct the hearing in the matter.
There will be strenuous opposition to the abandonment plan advanced by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, which owns the Oregon

Trunk

and operates it as a branch line. The city of Madras, the North Unit irrigation district, the town of Mecca and C. W. Risdahl, Indian agent of the Warm Springs reservation, will be represented at the hearing as opposed to the plan.
Mecca, which is located only on the Oregon Trunk road, will be left high and dry 10 miles from a railroad if the abandonment plan is granted. Madras is served also by the O.-W. R. & N. line. It is said that this line is 1 1/2 miles from the city, whereas the Oregon Trunk road runs almost through the heart of the place. The irrigation district embraces 100,000 acres of irrigable lands and expects to show that it would be very adversely affected by loss of this span of the Oregon Trunk line.
The contention of the railroad attorneys will be that inasmuch as the two roads jointly use stretches of track both north of South Junction and south of Metolius, there is little reason why they may not jointly use the more direct line of the O.-W. R. & N. between these points. It is admitted also that the necessity of building two new bridges at a cost of \$250,000 in the near future is a fact.
Between the Columbia river and North Junction the rival railroads still use closely parallel tracks. It is hinted that the attempt will be made to get authorization for joint use of the Oregon Trunk line and abandonment of the O.-W. R. & N. tracks between these points.

ROAD JOBS AWARDED

CONTRACTS IN CLACKAMAS TOTAL \$111,936.

Most of Concrete Paving Is to Be Nine Feet Wide, but Some Will Be 16 Feet.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Contracts totaling \$111,936 for grading and hard-surfacing 8 1/2 miles of market and bond roads in Clackamas county were awarded to the Oregon Contract company here today.
The contracts and the roads on which they were let are: Molalla south, one mile, \$883.55; Wright's bridge section of Molalla road, three and one-half miles, \$9,935; Oregon City-Molalla road south from Oregon City, 2100 feet, \$7603.68; south end road, two miles, \$26,282.50; Hardacre road, 2 1/2 miles, \$21,256.52.
All of the work will be of seven-inch concrete, one, two, three mixture of concrete and gravel, according to commission specification. The roads are to be built nine feet in width for the majority of the contracts, but some places 16-foot pavement will be laid.
The awarding of contracts is the result of the decision of the county board of commissioners to combine bond road funds on some of the main county improvements. The sale of a \$152,550 bond issue August 1st is expected to please everybody.
The council chambers were crowded and many spoke for and against the proposed ordinance, which would have required all dogs to be on leash or if found at large would have permitted their confiscation and the fining or imprisonment of the owners. Mrs. Joseph Roane, president of the City Beautiful club, and numbers of other women were among the speakers for the ordinance, pointing out the damage that their dogs had done to gardens. Claude Cretan, hotelman, together with some feminine dog-owners, opposed the measure.
It is the plan of the council to have three dog owners and three garden owners on the committee, and these will elect the seventh member.

BILLY SUNDAY IS HOME

Evangelist's Wife Prepares for Canning Season.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Rev. Billy and Ma Sunday arrived yesterday from Winona, Minn., where the evangelist rested for two weeks following a month's preaching at Morristown, Tenn. Today Mrs. Sunday was in the city purchasing glass jars, jelly glasses, extra can tops and sugar, preparatory to her season's canning, which she declared would begin immediately.
The Sundays will remain until September 1 on their Odell ranch. Rev. Billy plans several automobile tours of new mid-Columbia highways, he says.

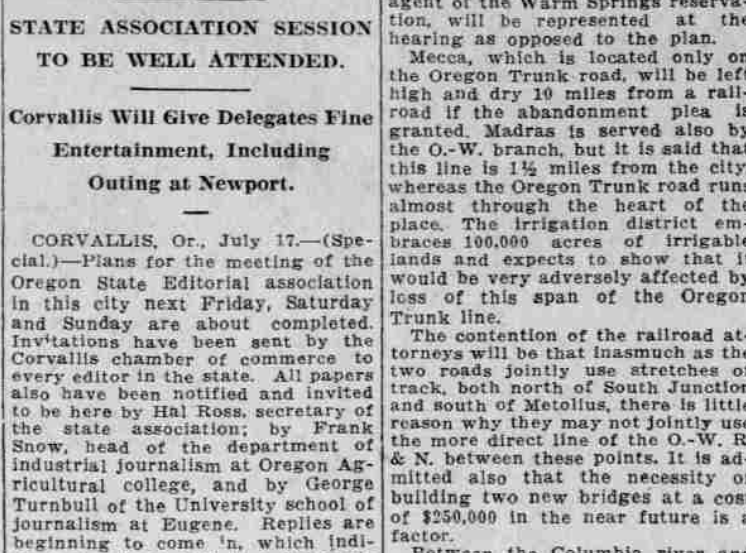
Church to Hold Picnic.

Members of Sellwood Methodist Episcopal church and their families and friends will gather at Johnson Creek park Thursday for a big union picnic. The affair will be an all-day one and a basket lunch will be served with coffee on the grounds. Preparations have been made by the committee to handle a big crowd.

Klan Holds Outdoor Initiation.

EUGENE, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—The Ku Klux Klan held an outdoor initiation ceremony on Emer-

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aid Heights, a butte just outside the city limits of Springfield, tonight, and members of the organization declared that 150 candidates were given the ritualistic work. Candidates from Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Harrisburg, Junction City, Springfield and smaller towns in this part of the valley were initiated, according to those who took part.

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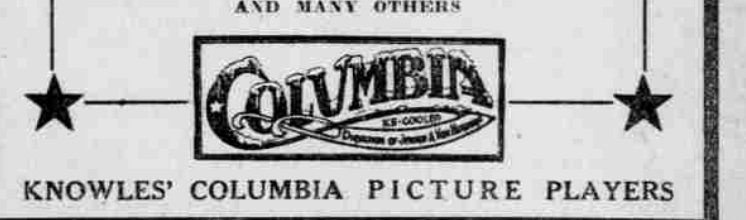
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