

FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

Forests Burning in Valleys of Rogue River Basin.

COUNTRY IS VERY DRY

Sawmill Man Loses His Home While He Is Fighting the Flames From His Mill Property.

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In most every valley of the Rogue River Basin forest fires are raging and much timber is being destroyed.

At John Ranzan's 100-acre hayward the warehouse was burned with a large quantity of sulphur, burlap, spraying chemicals and a steam power spray pump.

L. Doll lost his barn, outbuildings and considerable fencing.

Harry Smith, while with his men, was saving his sawmill from a forest fire which lost about most of its contents, the house being in flames before it was discovered.

The sawmill of Stevens & Son, near Jacksonville, about burned, together with considerable timber.

The Pacific States Telephone Company lost some 20 poles by fire of its overhead line on the Louse Creek section.

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Why the Reclamation Project Does Not Go Ahead.

ROAD COMPANY TO BLAME

But This Correspondent Also Criticizes the Government—The Cost, and How the Land-Owners Must Pay It.

Wanted to Save the Ring.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Orrin D. Morse is particular about the use of her property. She claims to a personal use of the gems she acquired to the Superior Court for a restraining order, preventing her husband from selling them.

Suit to Cancel Deed.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—W. H. Patton, of Portland, has brought suit against T. B. Kay and Receiver Claud Gatch, of the Gilbert Bros. Bank, to secure the return of a deed from Gatch to Kay. It is alleged that the deed belonged to C. A. White, but the record title stood in the name of A. T. Gilbert.

Accuses Partner of Fraud.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 12.—George Zobelein, president and treasurer of the Malheur Reclamation Company, the largest concern of the kind in Southern California, has applied to the courts for a receiver, and in connection with the action charges Charles Joseph Maler, his partner, with fraud.

Indians Get Fighting Drunk.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Reports from the Quinalt Indian Agency are that the Indians are receiving liquor from some source contrary to law. A few days ago a number of the tribe became gloriously drunk and fought each other desperately.

Lake County Saved Money.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—News of the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of the constitutionality of the migratory tax law passed at the last Legislature, was received in Lake County with much approval.

Will Employ a Big Force.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The big plant of the Panel Box Folding Company, closed for two weeks on account of some source contrary to law, will be started Monday. The plant has been greatly added to and improved, the outlay being about \$50,000.

Drowns While in a Fit.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Ole Weber, the 15-year-old son of Frank Weber, was drowned today near Bellevue. He was subject to epileptic fits and was seized with one while bathing. The boy fell into water about one foot deep and drowned before he could recover control of himself.

House at Svensen Burned.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Word was received today that the residence of water at the farm of Svensen, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. The loss is about \$2000 with \$300 insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

Insane Soldier Sent to Asylum.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Private Myer Landerman, of Company C, Third Infantry, has been sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane, at Washington, D. C.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Maria Louise Vonderahe. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Maria Louise, aged 79 years, died from the effects of a stroke of paralysis at the family home near Carus, last night. She was born in Germany, October 16, 1831, and came to Oregon in 1847. She is survived by six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: C. W. Vonderahe and E. Henry Vonderahe, of Oregon City; C. L. Vonderahe, Oak Grove, and F. C. Vonderahe, Carus; William M. Vonderahe, Highland, and Mrs. Mary McCarthy, Carus.

George H. Bland.

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—George Harter Bland, who crossed the plains in 1851 with his parents, died here August 11, aged 75 years. His surviving children are: Mrs. John Miller, of The Dalles; Mrs. M. Needham and Mrs. L. Arnold, of Lebanon.

Boy's Curiosity Saves Lives.

REDLANDS, Cal., Aug. 12.—A Mexican boy's curiosity saved 20 or 30 persons from being poisoned by Manuel Mendez last night. Mendez secured a dozen watermelons and some cantaloupes, poisoned with arsenic, and gave them to his guests, but they were warned by the boy that the melons were poisoned and allowed the poison to be fully absorbed. Then he removed the melons and distributed them to his guests, he gave warning. The guests examined the fruit, and after beating their host, lodged him in jail on a charge of attempt of murder.

South Dakota's Huge Wheat Crop.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—F. A. Miller, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, has received dispatches from correspondents in all parts of South Dakota telling of enormous crops. The crops harvested will be the largest in the history of the state. The acreage of wheat was increased by about 15 per cent and the average yield is fully 50 per cent more than last year, and probably 15 per cent greater than the average of the past seven years.

Officer Rogers Loses His Star.

Officer W. W. Rogers was relieved from the police department yesterday by orders of Chief of Police Gritzman, and when he reported for duty to Captain Bailey last night, his star and tools were taken from him. Rogers has been patrolling the district in Goose Hollow. He is charged with neglect of duty.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Arrived—Steamer Natchez, from Gray Harbor; schooner Lizzie Vance, from Gray's Harbor; U. S. S. Solace, from San Francisco; U. S. S. Albatross, from Saled-Steamer M. P. Plant, for Coos Bay; Steamer Nevada, for Seattle; bark R. J. Harvey, for Honolulu; steamer San Juan, for Astoria.

Invited Her to Warmer Region.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Because his husband invited her to visit regions more tropical than Oregon, slandered her and assaulted her with a knife, besides otherwise maltreating her, the court today held suit against Clark A. Rich, to be divorced against her in Multnomah County in October, 1906. The wife asks to resume her maiden name, Nettie Chapman. T. N. McKnight is plaintiff in another proceeding against Isabella McKnight, whom he married in Ohio in 187