

MILTON STATION HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Peacock Mill, Warehouses, Grain and Two Dwellings Are Burned to Ground.

TOTAL LOSS IS \$150,000

Thousands of Bushels of Wheat Stored by Farmers Waiting for Higher Prices Consumed. Exploding Hot-Box Cause.

MILTON STATION, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The greatest fire ever known in this section broke out tonight at 7 o'clock, burning to the ground the Peacock mill, two adjoining dwelling houses occupied by Alex Manera and E. Troyer, two warehouses filled with wheat, belonging to the Farmers' Warehouse Company, containing nearly 100,000 bushels of wheat. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

The fire is still burning, but all danger of its spreading is over. The mill is valued at \$75,000 and the insurance, though not positively known, is probably \$30,000.

The wheat in the warehouses is largely owned by farmers who had stored it for higher prices, and the amount of the insurance carried is unknown. Fortunately there was no wind, or the entire town of Freeewater, which is but a short distance away, would have been burned to the ground. The Walla Walla fire department was telegraphed for, but failed to arrive in time to assist.

An explosion, thought to have occurred on the top floor of the mill as the result of a hot box in the machinery, caused the fire.

For a time the entire city was threatened, as no rain has fallen for more than two months and the volunteer department was utterly unable to cope with the blaze.

The Peacock mill was the largest in Northwestern Oregon and Southeastern Washington.

BIG ORCHARD IS PROJECTED

Thousand Acres to Be Improved Immediately.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Within six months Linn County will have the largest commercial apple orchard in the world. The Linhaven Orchard Company of Albany is now active work preparing the ground for the planting of its immense orchard near Lacombe, and has completed definite plans to have 1000 acres planted before the end of next month.

This will be the largest contiguous tract devoted to orchard purposes in the United States. Ultimately, it is planned, the Linhaven orchard will include 2500 acres. The tract will not be operated as one orchard after the first five years, as the company expects to sell it in small parcels.

Wilbur K. Newell, of Gaston, Or., president of the State Board of Horticulture, will supervise the planting and developing. He has already gone over the entire tract, and has made preliminary plans for the preparation of the ground. A small crew has gone to work, and a large crew will be started within a few days. The survey and platting are nearing completion.

Practically all of the 2500 acres of this tract will be planted in apples. About 15 per cent of the tract is reserved for other uses. This immense tract lies in the north central part of Linn County, its southern part is three miles from the new station of Linn, and is bounded by the Lebamou-Crabtree cutoff on the Woodburn-Natron branch of the Southern Pacific, and it extends northward to the town of Lacombe. The northward to the town of Lacombe will be planted on this orchard tract.

DEPARTMENT STORE HOST

Olds, Wortman & King Receive in Their New Tea Room.

With a light luncheon and to the accompaniment of music furnished by Weber's orchestra, the tea-room of Olds, Wortman & King's new store was formally opened yesterday between 11:30 and 2 P. M. The tea-room will accommodate 200 guests at a time, and it was filled to its capacity during the receiving hours.

The room was tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers and was in charge of Mrs. J. D. Spencer. The furnishings of the tea-room are elaborate and artistic. The floor is covered with green carpet and the chairs are finished in soft gray effects. The kitchen, which is connected with the tea-room by a pass way, is equipped with the latest kitchen conveniences and cooking utensils. Honduras mahogany is used in furnishing the lobby to the tea-room.

On the same floor with the tea-room is an up-to-date cafeteria for the use of employees only. Here they are permitted to bring their own lunches, or they can order from the well-arranged menu.

ASTORIANS SUE FOR HALL

Motorboat Club Wants to Hold Regatta Entertainment.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—A suit was filed in the Circuit Court today by the Astoria Motor Boat Club, comprising the regatta committee, against C. H. Abernethy, Captain, and Karl Knobloch, First Lieutenant, First Company Coast Artillery Corps, Oregon National Guard.

The complaint recites that several weeks ago the plaintiffs rented what is known as Flavel Hall from the defendants for four days of the regatta, the stipulated price being \$75, that \$10 was paid on the day when the hall was rented, and that the defendants refused to turn over the keys to the hall. It asks that the defendants be compelled to turn the hall over to the plaintiffs.

Judge Eakin issued a temporary injunction restraining the defendants from interfering with the plaintiffs in the use of the hall and directing that the plaintiffs be allowed full and exclusive use of the hall during the four days. The case will be heard in the Circuit Court on Monday morning.

WORK ON NEW ROAD STARTS

Men Surveying Route of Grants Pass & Western.

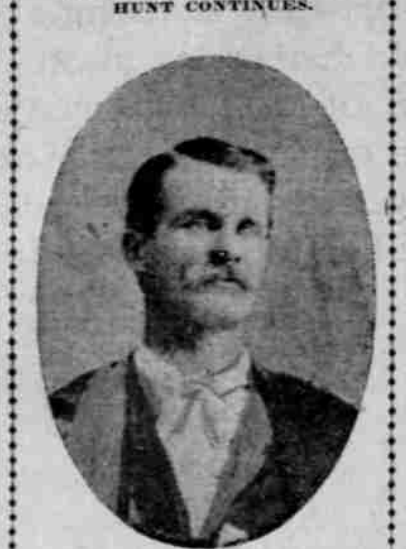
GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Activities along the Grants Pass & Western

Western railroad took form today when several tons of supplies were unloaded into the Southern Pacific warehouses. Along with these came several crews of engineers, who started for Waldo to survey the route from that point to Crescent City.

Considerable rivalry will spring up when the Harriman interests begin work, as the Hill road has a local agent who has been figuring on terminal grounds in the eastern part of town. In fact, this agent acknowledges he is working for Hill people, and that he has tried to get an option upon a dairy ranch adjoining the east side of town for terminals. The Hill people already have a franchise in this city for an electric line, and consequently grounds now under inspection would be sufficient to provide for car shops if it fell into the company's hands.

It is said that the Pacific & Eastern

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE STILL FREE, BUT MAN-HUNT CONTINUES.



Thomas Hart.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Sheriff Penton and Constable Singleton, who have been conducting the manhunt for Thomas Hart without interruption since early Saturday afternoon, returned yesterday at 10 o'clock this morning exhausted from a 30-mile walk through the dense forest the previous day.

District Attorney George M. Brown informed the officers today that Hart should be captured without fail, and the Sheriff and Constable have made arrangements to resume the search early tomorrow morning. They will be prepared to remain several days, so determined are they to capture the fugitive.

MOTHER'S SEARCH WINS

DAUGHTER RECOVERED AFTER TEN YEARS OF SEEKING.

Woman Swoons Into Arms of Child When Two Meet—Story of Elopement Unites Them.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Painting in the arms of her recovered daughter, Mrs. Hubert Harris, of this city, Mrs. Rose McDonald, of Anacosta, B. C., today ended a search which has lasted for 10 years and which has been carried on in every section of the Northwest.

Walking out of the house in 1900 with his six-year-old daughter Rosella in his arms after a quarrel with his wife, Joseph McDonald has since prevented a communication between the girl and her mother, who he gave to understand was dead.

This Spring the girl eloped with Hubert Harris. The old man was bitterly opposed to the match and for a time sought to have the marriage bonds annulled on the ground that his daughter was under age. He was pacified, however, but has since refused to have anything to do with either the daughter or his son-in-law, and it was the story in a Spokane paper of his failure to recognize them in public that gave the mother the long-looked-for clew to her daughter's whereabouts.

She came immediately to North Yakima, where she was again hindered in her search by her desire to conceal her presence from her husband. She was at last rewarded, but was so overcome with emotion that she immediately fainted and was with difficulty revived.

The young couple are now living with Harris' parents, Mrs. McDonald, who was formerly Mrs. Pawcett, adopted the profession of a nurse to aid in her support. She has been helped in her search by her son, Captain J. W. Pawcett, of the regular Army in the Philippines.

Michigan Has 2,810,173 People.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The population of Michigan State is 2,810,173, an increase of 239,191, or 12.1 per cent, as compared with 2,420,982 in 1900.

CLACKAMAS SEES BIG FIGHT AHEAD

C. G. Huntley Returns and May Enter Race for State Senator, Is Report.

COMPLICATIONS ARE MANY

Withdrawal of Brownell Is First Bombshell in Political Camp. Gibson's Position May Decide Situation.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The return of Clyde G. Huntley, Clackamas County's member of the state central committee, from the Coast has created no little stir in the local political situation, and especially in relation to the nomination of a Republican for State Senator. The announcement that George C. Brownell had refused to enter the race was the first bombshell, and it is expected another will follow within a few days.

Within 15 minutes after Mr. Brownell had made his determination public the petition of Walter A. Dimick was filed in County Clerk Greenman's office. This has led many to believe that Mr. Dimick is the choice of Brownell. Dimick has not the large personal following that Brownell has, nor has he the personal strength of Huntley or of Dr. E. A. Sommer, who may become a candidate. Dimick is a good campaigner, with a readiness to fight his battles in the schoolhouses of the county, or wherever else his voice may be heard.

John H. Gibson, who was endorsed for State Senator by the Republican county assembly, may become the interesting point in the situation. Mr. Gibson's chances for landing the nomination would not be so good as those of Sommer or Huntley, but if the Harpriet precinct man stays in the race, Dr. Sommer will probably go in anyway, and with a three-cornered fight it is anybody's nomination.

John H. Gibson concludes to stay in, Huntley will probably not make the race, in which event Dr. Sommer would be the third man; but if Gibson should withdraw, Huntley would feel free to file, and Sommer would support him. These conditions make the situation rather complex, and certainly interesting. It is very probable that some definite decision will be reached by Gibson early next week and the battle in Clackamas County will be on in earnest.

Statement No. 1 men are not falling over themselves to ask for the nomination for Representatives. Clackamas County is entitled to three votes in the lower house of the State Legislature, and thus far J. W. Exon and Captain J. T. Apperson, endorsed by the assembly, and Linus E. Jones and E. D. Oida, Statement No. 1 men, have filed petitions. It is very likely that the Bourne people will make a determined effort to secure the seat for themselves.

Abraham argues for peace. Republicans are dragged from Party by Tail, He Says.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Members of the Republican party are being mysteriously dragged out tail-first. None seems to know exactly when it's done and only one or two, like Mr. Bourne and Mr. U'ren, know how to do it," said Albert Abraham, Mr. Abraham advocated a thorough consolidation of the party that would prevent "schemes such as these."

Mr. Abraham also spoke on the relation between church and state and the Hughes primary law.

Washington Delegates Named. OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 27.—Governor Hay has appointed the following delegates to the Eighteenth National Irrigation Congress, meeting in Pueblo, Colo., September 27 to 30: R. H. Thompson, Seattle; Judge Edward Whitson, Spokane; Judge Ralph Kaufman, Ellensburg; Steven H. B. Penrose, Walla Walla; W. T. Clark, Wenatchee; R. Insinger, Spokane; B. F. Reed, Ellensburg; M. J. Costello, Seattle; Lee A. Johnson, Sunnyside; F. M. Wall, White Bluffs; P. M. Brown, Irondale; G. H. Plummer, Tacoma; E. D. Mineah, Prosser; C. H. Furman, Prosser; W. W. Hindman, Spokane; N. G. Bialock, Walla Walla; A. J. Splawn, North Yakima; D. E. Lesh, North Yakima; L. L. Work, Condon; L. M. McLean, Spokane; H. M. Gilbertson, North Yakima; J. J. Bixler, Peshastin; E. H. Libby, Clarkston; G. W. R. Peasley, Clarkston; H. G. Whitney, Cashmere.

Mrs. Catherine Stutesman Dies. SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Catherine Stutesman died at Salem Hospital today after an illness of years. She was 53 years old and had been a resident of Salem since 1873. She leaves two sons, Clarence L. and Merie Stutesman, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank K. Lovell. Mr. Lovell was for many years chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office.

HARPER HAS UNIQUE PLANK Would Allow Only Legally Registered Electors to Vote. SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—J. T. Harper, of Tygh Valley desires to go to the Legislature with one of the planks will be drafted, a committee being appointed for this purpose.

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SALMON VESSEL IN North King Reaches Astoria, Others Sailing South. NUSHAGAK RUN IS SHORT Output of Individual Companies Operating on River Estimated at 426,000 Cases—Loss by Fire Close to \$50,000.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The Portland-Alaska Packers' Association steamer North King, Captain Volstead, arrived this morning from Nushagak River, Bristol Bay, Alaska. Among her passengers were F. A. Daly, superintendent of the association's cannery, and George Warren, son of the proprietor. The North King sailed from the Northern port on August 15, and made the run down in 11 days. She reports that the Portland-Alaska Packers' Association ship Berlin and the Columbia River Packers' Association ship St. Nicholas sailed for the Columbia River, and that the Alaska Packers' Association schooner Premier sailed for San Francisco on August 15. The Northwestern Fisheries Company's steamer Holyoke and bark Guy C. Goss sailed for Seattle on August 14, and the North Alaska Salmon Company's ship Standard sailed for San Francisco on August 13. The Alaska Salmon Company's bark Whitney sailed for San Francisco on August 12.

Whole Fleet Due to Sail. The vessels of the salmon fleet still remaining in the river were the bark Star, of India; bark Star, of Iceland; the ship Indiana, and the steamer Nushagak, belonging to the Alaska Packers' Association, and the ship St. Francis, the bark W. E. Flint and the steamer North Star, belonging to the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. The latter vessels expected to sail for here about August 25.

Mr. Daly said that his company's cannery was destroyed by fire on the morning of August 10. The crew was working nights, labeling and preparing the salmon for shipment. He had been out of the cannery about 10 minutes, when the flames burst out, and they spread so rapidly that nothing in the main building could be removed. By hard work, however, the fish dock,

store, mess house and bunk house were saved. The cannery had packed about 53,000 cases of salmon, and 23,400 cases had been loaded on the ship Berlin, but the remainder, or about 28,600 cases, as well as the cannery and its contents, including the machinery, are a total loss. The loss, aside from the salmon, is in the neighborhood of \$50,000, with no insurance. The salmon is understood to be insured at \$4.50 a case.

Lacquer Cause of Fire. Mr. Daly said that he did not know how the fire started, but he believed that it must have been from the lacquer. Concerning the season, Mr. Daly said that it was very pleasant, and that not a serious accident occurred on the river. The fish came in a big run that continued only about 12 days and then quit, and while the canneries operated until almost August 11, few salmon were put up after the run stopped. As a result, the pack on the river is about 25 per cent short of last year. The estimated number of cases put up by the individual companies operating on Nushagak River is as follows: Alaska Salmon Company, 31,000; Northwestern Fisheries Company, 43,000; Columbia River Packers' Association, 44,000; Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, 53,000; Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, 45,000; Alaska Packers' Association, 130,000; North Alaska Salmon Company, 30,000; total, 426,000.

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