

FOREST SERVICE'S TARGET OF CHARGES

Intrigue, Squandering Big Sums in Salaries and Incompetency Are Alleged.

FRICION IN WORK IS BARED

Democratic Periodical Declares Direction Should Not Be Left to Officials Promising Intact Bureau Till Party Defeat.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 21.—One of the most severe attacks ever made in print upon the Forest Service appears in the "National Monthly," a Democratic periodical owned and published by Norman E. Mack, Democratic National Committeeman from New York.

The article in question, written by Francis H. Lord, suggests that the Forest Service is filled with intrigue, that it is squandering large sums in salaries not authorized by Congress, that incompetent men fill high positions, and concludes with this sentence:

"Unless the present Administration wishes simply to hold the Forest Service in trust until the return of the Republican party, it should not leave its direction in the hands of officials who are known to have promised fiefdom that only dismissal from the service will deter them from holding the bureau in complete inactivity, as they hoped for defeat of the Democratic party."

**Fricion in Machine Charged.** The article, in part, is an argument in favor of certain changes. There has been much talk of projects and dropping of uncompleted investigations. "There has been much talk of scandal, and several proposed Congressional investigations of the technical work of the service. Rumors are prevalent of much disarray, unbecoming official conduct, false studies, duplications of work, giving to the public incorrect information, exercise of prejudice toward clerks, misappropriation of funds and abusive and threatening conduct toward subordinates. All or none of this talk may be incorrect.

**Administration in Hands of One.** "The latest agricultural bill places the administration of the Forest Service in the hands of one forester at \$1000; one chief of accounts and fiscal agent at \$1000; seven district agents at \$1000 each, and one forest supervisor at \$1750, etc., down the list of rangers, clerks, artists and messengers, until \$1222.250 is appropriated for the salaries of about 1800 employees. The work laid down in this bill seems like a vast sum and a great army. It only remains, therefore, to place the other \$2,217,476, which is appropriated for general expenses, in the hands of this mighty corps of workers and great will be the results.

"In haste to justify large salaries, incomplete publications were issued over the protest of those who had been compelled to do the work, and then the files of the Service were contacted, and the most important information, under this atrocious system three classes of forestry officials developed.

**Some Compelled to Submit.** "Groups, unable to obtain employment elsewhere and having financial responsibilities, were compelled to submit. A second group refused to submit and were dismissed. The third group, the most numerous, were willing to prostitute their talents in order to curry favor, and cheerfully submitted. They wrote reports, and were rewarded with delightful and extended furloughs and with substantial promotions.

"Not a single official of importance was placed in the Forest Service by the Democratic party, when it had been anticipated that there would be a general reorganization. Gradually the Democratic subordinate members of the service who had come into the bureau under the Republican regime became objects of contempt and suspicion. They were unable to appeal to their Republican friends for help, as that party was out of power."

**MINAM FOREST IN DANGER** Burning Sawmill Threatens Reserve, Until Controlled.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Fire which destroyed the sawmill of L. H. Stever, near Medical Springs, 28 miles east of here, late yesterday, started a forest fire that threatened the Minam National Forest. Only by strenuous work of mill hands, ranchers and forest fire fighters under the direction of Fire Guard Arthur Turner, was the blaze in the timber subdued. Patrols are still being maintained.

The loss is estimated at \$1000. The mill, being valued at \$2500, while \$1500 in lumber and timber was destroyed. The mill was not insured. The blaze started from an overheated engine and the sawmill was burned to the ground. Mr. Stever says he will rebuild at once.

**FIRE IS NEAR OREGON CITY** Blaze in Stashings Is Believed to Be Under Control.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—A small fire, burning in stashes about four miles east of Oregon City in the Canyon of Abernathy. The fire is on the property of Judge Grant B. Demick, president of the Water Board, and is believed to be under control.

The blaze broke out last night when the home of Seth P. Fowler burned to the ground and broke near the house caught fire. Twelve men fought the flames part of last night until they were controlled. The cause of the fire, the Fowler home is not known. The loss was slight.

**Taft Says Crisis Serious** Boise Citizens Told Mexican Intervention Is Possibility.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Judge William A. French, ex-President, delivered an address here today, following a reception at the Commercial Club, in which he said intervention in Mexico was a possibility, for which this country should do well to

YARDS STRIPPED OF FORCES OF MARINES

Preparations to Send 1000 Additional Men to Haiti Held Significant.

VERA CRUZ IS NEARBY

All Forces, Except Company of Especially Trained Mine-Layers, Being Assembled for Early Departure Southward.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Concentration at the Philadelphia Navy-yard of every available marine force in the United States has been ordered by the Navy Department. Nearly 1000 marines will be mobilized at the yard within the next week or 10 days, and a number of the best 1000 men will be sent to Haiti as soon as possible.

Orders for the mobilization of the marines aroused much speculation at the Philadelphia yard and more than one officer there seemed to regard the transfer of the last of the United States Marine Corps to Haiti as a "two days' sail on a fast cruiser from Vera Cruz, as possessing special significance.

**Only One Company Left.** When the marines leave the yard it, as well as the Brooklyn, Boston, Norfolk and other yards, will have to be patrolled by blue jackets or civilians for the first time since the Spanish-American war, for all of the marines that will be left behind will be the Second company, Second Regiment, U. S. M. C., which is the "mining company" of the corps, and which is now at League Island.

It is said that this company is so proficient in mine laying that it could so protect the Delaware Bay and Lower Delaware River with mines that no enemy vessel could pass the breakwater. The members of this company are engaged in daily mine-laying drills, and would therefore not be available for guard duty.

**Quacks and Ends' Arg Gathered.** The quartermaster's department at the yard received orders from Washington today to rush preparations for the departure of the marines. The First, Ninth and Thirteenth companies of the Third Regiment have been ordered there from Annapolis. Another detachment will come from the rifle range at Washington. Even those who are known in the service as "quacks and ends" barrack detachments and "short-termers" men whose enlistments are to end within 60 days, have been ordered to the yard. It is expected also that the detail of marines now at the San Francisco Exposition will be called in. The Boston, Brooklyn and Norfolk yards will all be stripped of marines, that as many as possible may be concentrated at League Island and sent to Haiti.

Repairs are being rushed on the battleships Minnesota and Kansas, now lying at the yard, so that they may be ready within 60 days, have been ordered to the yard. It is expected also that the detail of marines now at the San Francisco Exposition will be called in. The Boston, Brooklyn and Norfolk yards will all be stripped of marines, that as many as possible may be concentrated at League Island and sent to Haiti.

**Men Barred From Pool** Litterers No Longer May Annoy Fair Swimmers at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Men and boys were barred from the City Park yesterday, it being women and girls' afternoon at the newly opened municipal swimming pool. A special policeman was authorized to arrest any who without authority trespassed into forbidden territory.

The action was taken following the protest of Tuesday, the first day the pool was set aside for the gentler sex, of many litterers, who gathered to watch and pass remarks.

**1 FRANK LYNCHER KNOWN** Judge Prepares Special Charges; Prosecutor Makes Promise.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 21.—It was intimated in official circles here tonight that the identity of a member of the so-called "vigilance committee" that lynched Leo M. Frank was known to some officials, and that the information probably would be placed before Governor Nathan Phillips tomorrow.

Judge J. H. Patterson, of the Superior Court, let it be known today that he would prepare a special charge to the grand jury, which will meet tomorrow. Herbert C. Clayton, Cobb County Solicitor, assured the Governor he would do all in his power to find and bring to trial men responsible for the lynching.

**Plural Widow of Brigham Young** Lives to Be 87.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 21.—Eliza Burgess Young, last survivor of Brigham Young's wives, died at her home here last night. She was 87 years old. Her husband, who had lived in Utah since 1848.

She was 87 years old. Her death closes the estate of the noted Mormon leader, who died in 1879. His will provided a life annuity for each of the 19 wives who survived him. The estate, amounting to about \$1,000,000 after the payment of claims, was incorporated into a trust company, which discharged the provisions of the will.

**OREGON CITY MAN DIES IN NEVADA.** OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—John Duffy, born in this city 45 years ago and a resident of Clackamas County until 19 years ago, died at his home in Nevada, according to word received here today by friends. He was ill some time and death was hastened by word received here today. He was buried in Nevada.

**Ex-Shoymen Deny Offers for Return** ROSKIBURG, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—A number of former Southern Pacific shoymen who left the company's employ in 1912, today denied that they had received letters from the officials of the Southern Pacific Company urging them to return to work. Not a former employee of the company could be found here who had received one of the letters.

**Two Admit Roseburg Robberies.** ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Accused of entering a number of Roseburg dwellings, Jess Wilson and Frank Reed were arrested at Auburn, Cal., yesterday. They were taken to Roseburg today. The goods taken from dwellings were found on their persons. Both have confessed and will be returned to Roseburg for trial. A third man connected with the robberies eluded capture.

**TRIAL FACED FOR ARSON** James Wharton Held on Charge of Starting Copperfield Fire.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—James Wharton, of Pine Valley, today was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of arson in connection with the destruction of the City of Copperfield a week ago last Thursday. His

WOMAN TRAPS FUGITIVE

Rancher's Wife Turns Revolver and Officers Make Arrest.

FOUNDER OF OREGON PAPER BOX FACTORY DIES

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Talbert, wife of a rancher living four miles from Summerville, prevented the escape of a fugitive when she seized the revolver a young man named

OTTO ROENICKE. A resident of Portland since 1877, Otto Roenicke died at his late home, 1085 East Eighteenth street North, Saturday morning. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock from the Deutches Haus.

Mr. Roenicke was born in Dessau Anhalt, Germany, December 19, 1855, and came to the United States in October, 1874. He lived in the Far Eastern states until 1875, when he went to Davenport, Ia.

In July, 1878, he founded the Oregon Paper Box Factory, which he continued to operate with much success for 30 years, selling out in January, 1908.

Mr. Roenicke leaves a widow, daughter, Mrs. A. L. Maeder, and two sons, Walter and Albert Roenicke.

McAllister had drawn to prevent his arrest. McAllister is accused of stealing a saddle, escaping to Vale, stealing another saddle and a gun, and firing at officers in the German imperial treasury, but escaped, and is said to have stolen a horse near Vale. He was arrested again only to break jail a second time, two weeks ago. He was captured.

**ENEMIES TO PAY BILLS** German Secretary Says People Will Not Be Taxed Further.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam and London, Aug. 21.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the German Imperial Treasury, speaking in the Reichstag on the second reading of the war loan of \$2,500,000,000, said:

"Until now 20,000,000,000 marks have been voted and our estimates of war needs still are exceeded by real expenditures. The expenditure in one month is higher by one-third than the total expenditure for the war of 1870, but every German knows that the sacrifice will not be in vain.

"During the war we will not increase the gigantic burden of the people by new taxation. A tax on war profits is higher by one-third than the total expenditure for the war of 1870, but every German knows that the sacrifice will not be in vain.

**PROJECTS PLAN WORK** ENGINEER FINDS ENTERPRISES OF EASTERN OREGON PROGRESSING.

100,000 Acres on Deschutes to Be Irrigated by Siphon From Reservoir at Low Cost.

SARLEM, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Percy A. Cupper, Assistant State Engineer, who returned today from a trip to inspect irrigation projects, said the outlook for irrigation in Eastern Oregon is excellent. Virtually all new projects, he announced, are being promoted by the landowners, which will eliminate the necessity of colonizing to any extent. Regarding the organization of an irrigation district in the north unit of the Deschutes project, Mr. Cupper said:

"This project, which contains about 100,000 acres of land on the Agency Plains near Madras at Metolksdam, Culpeper, has been investigated and reported upon by the United States reclamation service in co-operation with the state. It is proposed to store the water at Aubrey Falls, siphon it across the Crooked River canyon to the land to be irrigated. It is estimated that the project will cost \$100,000. It is the purpose of the landowners to organize into a district.

"Landowners in the Suttles Lake irrigation district, situated in a small amount of actual construction work in the near future. It is proposed to construct a dam at the outlet of Suttles Lake of a sufficient height for that and Blue Lake. By means of a feed canal water from First Creek will be turned into the reservoir. The water will then be carried in a canal about 30 miles for the irrigation of 10,000 or 15,000 acres near Grand View.

"A number of landowners on the 1500-acre project at Metolksdam, on the John Day River in Wheeler County, plan the construction of a dam across the John Day River for the irrigation of river bottom and low bench lands."

**MEN DANCE IF WOMEN ASK** Males Select Partners and Take Lead at "Suffragette Ball."

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Mere man learned his true worth last night at a suffragette dance given at the Casino for the benefit of the Newport Catholic Club by the women of Tent City. Mrs. A. J. Van Wassenhove was the chaperon in charge.

The men were not allowed to select partners for dancing until they were allowed to pay any admission or buy lemonade. They had to sit until some young woman, impressed with their appearance, invited them to dance.

**Wheat Hay Yield in Orchard Big.** WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—On 60 acres of the White Salmon Fruit Company's orchard 125 tons of wheat hay have just been harvested. This was planted between the tree trunks of the young trees, reducing the acreage of the hay land to about 30 acres. This is providing an income until the trees come into bearing.

THESE NEW SUITS

for early Fall wear, marked at special prices, are proving mighty popular with the men about town.

There's an over-Sunday display of a few of the models in the Morrison-street windows. The special prices:

\$14.85, \$19.85, \$23.50

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\$15 to \$25

Hosts of new models for young men are arriving on the second floor. Clothes for college men and clothes for the young business man.

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BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

Little Stream That Caused Damage Now Normal.

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Of the 11 dead in St. Louis and suburbs, ten were negroes and one was a white woman.

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The Merrimac River, which flows along the Frisco main line for 100 miles, and several bridges over the Gasconade River were threatened by a rise in that mountain stream. Main line service on the Frisco was restored, though interrupted for three or four days.

Several factories along the Des Peres River were badly damaged by the flood and most of these establishments will be closed for a week to ten days.

Though suburban service on the Missouri Pacific was restored, through service will be interrupted until Sunday night, as a bridge has gone out west of Kirkwood, Mo.

**PAROLES ISSUED TO 12** Prisoners Not to Be Released Until Jobs Are Found.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Acting upon the recommendation of the Parole Board, Governor Withycombe has issued paroles to the following: Herman Eggers, Jackson County, statutory charge; Harry H. Smith, Walla Walla County, larceny in a dwelling; George Hill, Umatilla County, statutory charge; Bert Henning, Douglas County, larceny in a dwelling; Emile Hunsch, Polk County, larceny in a building; Frank Miller, Umatilla County, larceny from a dwelling; E. O. Smith, Jackson County, child stealing; Harry L. Bugie, Multnomah County, criminal assault; T. A. McLean, Polk County, obtaining money by false pretenses; Philip Martin, Jackson County, larceny in a building; H. E. Vorie, Umatilla County, obtaining property by false pretenses.

According to the rule established by the Parole Board these men will not be released from the penitentiary until employment has been provided for them. Parole Officer Kiefer reports excellent success in obtaining positions and most gratifying co-operation on the part of employers. This last night, however, the prison authorities have found work have made good.

**Colorado Visitor of 82 Is Spry and Enjoys Exercise.** SEVEN SURVIVORS OF FAMILY SCATTERED FROM CENTRAL WEST TO PACIFIC HOLD ANNUAL REUNIONS.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—A thought he is 82 years old, the oldest of a family of 12 children, today, exceeding 60 years, who is more agile and who enjoys exercise more than does I. W. Dabney, of Canyon City, Colo., who is here spending a portion of the summer with the family of his brother, O. P. Dabney. Mr. Dabney, a veteran of the Civil War, was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

"I have traveled extensively over the United States," says the octogenarian, "but I have never seen any state that I like any better than Oregon. This weather here, with its snags, gives me the vigor of youth." While Mrs. Dabney has made frequent

TAX LAW EXPLAINED

County Officials Find Public Misunderstands Act.

PENALTY EXAMPLE GIVEN

Statute Illustrates Meaning of Clause to Clear Up Doubts as to Dates Charges Are to Be Added to Assessment.

Misunderstanding over the payment of taxes due to the changes in the tax laws made at the last session of the State Legislature, has led to the necessity of an explanation of the laws as they now stand. Officials of the tax department of Multnomah County have supplied the following information for the public and they advise that the new laws be studied carefully:

"Where one-half of the 1914 taxes on any property was paid before April 1, 1915, the second half may be paid any time before October 1, 1915, without penalty or interest; if the second half is not so paid it will become delinquent on October 1, and be then subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from said date.

Where one-half of the 1914 taxes on any property was not paid before April 1, 1915, a penalty of 1 per cent for each calendar month or part thereof, on the total amount unpaid, cumulative during the period beginning April 1 and ending August 31, 1915, with illustration, such bill as charged on the roll totals \$100 and the full amount is paid in the month of August a penalty of 5 per cent (\$5) is to be added thereto.

These cumulative penalties are not to be collected on or after September 1, 1915, being superseded at that date by the penalties and interest applicable to delinquent taxes.

**Delinquency Charge Added.** "Where one-half of the 1914 taxes on any property was not paid before April 1, 1915, the entire amount unpaid will become delinquent on September 1, 1915, and be then subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

"For instance, the taxes as originally charged on a certain property amount to \$100. If paid in full on September 15, 1915, the total amount required would be \$110.50, a penalty of 10 per cent (\$10) and interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum for 15 days (50 cents) being added to the original tax. "Commencing with January 1, 1916, there will be new laws affecting the payment of taxes which will apply to the 1915 taxroll, but in order to avoid confusion at this time we shall not offer an explanation of the operation of the new laws until a later date."

**White Salmon Boys Kill Bear.** WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Two White Salmon boys, Walter Wilke and Calvin Bullard, have just returned from a week's vacation at the buckberry fields near Mount Adams with the hide of a 400 pound bear. Both boys and their parents are very proud of the trophy.

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**CHICAGO AUGUST IS COLD** Month Breaks All Records, With Many Sunless Days.

"CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—This is the coldest August in 20 years. Not only has the temperature for the first 15 days been lower, but there has been a greater number of sunless days and more cold, drizzling rain than during most of the mid-summer months of the last half century.

The warmest day so far—and the prospect is there will be no more nearly so warm—had a temperature of 86 degrees.

The majority of the other 26 days during the frigid August range around 60 degrees at night and 75 at midday.

**William Welch Is Dead.** BAKER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—William Welch, one of the best known men in the Halmer district, died late last night from stomach trouble. He had been ill for some time. He was 82 years old and came to this county 19 years ago. He is survived by his wife and one son. County Commissioner William J. Welch, of Halmer.

**Man Jailed 'Until State Goes Dry.'** Peter Johnson, whose very frequent visits to the city jail have led him to regard it as his home, will make his home there until the state goes dry. This sentence has been imposed by Municipal Judge Stevenson, and may be expected by other habitual drunkards who appear before the court between now and January 1, according to the magistrate.

Comparatively few women are as nervous as the stock market, which is mostly conducted by men.

**Agency Representative Wanted** One of the most prosperous and rapidly growing life companies in the United States wants an agency representative for Oregon. A man of successful experience and good record in this territory can secure an old-fashioned, continuous renewal contract with a well-established and progressive institution. A fine opportunity for the right man. Address B 27, Oregonian.

**Skidmore Drug Co.** Despite the loss by fire we have reopened with a new stock at 271 Alder St. Between Third and Fourth St. and invite our old patrons who will be given courteous attention