

PROSPECT BRIGHTER, SAY FIRE FIGHTERS

Forest Situation Reported Decidedly Improved.

MANY BAD BLAZES CURBED

Several Serious Conflagrations Still Active in Eastern Oregon, but General Outlook Is Better.

Decidedly improved was the statement of officials of the United States forest service yesterday relative to the forest fire situation in Oregon. Weather conditions have been much more favorable for fighting the flames than a week ago, and the work of the large number of men in the field has told measurably.

The situation was declared 100 per cent better than a week ago, although a return of the low humidity and the burning winds which swept Oregon a week ago might soon fan the flames into activity again, it was said. Cool and damp nights characteristic of the approach of fall are aiding the fire-fighters.

In the Cascade forest the situation is reported much improved. The fall-creek fire, one of the most serious in the state, is being curbed. The only unfavorable feature is the weakening out of a new fire on the middle fork of the Willamette, where \$89 acres are reported burning.

Bad Fires Still Raging.
In eastern Oregon a dangerous fire is being combated southwest of White, where 90 men are at work. A fine body of yellow pine is said to be endangered. Two more fires in the Whitman forest are reported out of control, these being in the vicinity of Jump-Off-Joe creek. In the Malheur forest a fire is reported raging over 7000 acres. No valuable timber is threatened, however.

The fire on the Little Minam is being fought by a force of 110 men and is being contained. Superintendent of the Hall of the Santiam forest and Superintendent McMur of the Siskiyou forest both sent in encouraging reports yesterday, practically all fires in those sections being under control.

Nearer home, three fires of considerable magnitude continue unabated in the Oregon forest, these being at Roaring river, Rainy lake and Rhododendron ridge. The latter place is 60 miles east of Albany. Crews totaling 120 men are fighting these fires and none is considered dangerous, as the flames are eating through old burns. The fire-fighters are attempting to protect green timber and thus far have been successful.

New Fire Near Yaocit.
In Washington a new fire of magnitude is being fought north of Yaocit. The flames burst out on private timber and fire-fighters have been on hand to keep the blaze from spreading into the national forest. That portion of the forest was badly burned over in 1902 and has naturally re-seeded itself. Forest officials fear that a second burn would prove fatal to the new growth and prevent any further natural propagation.

The present year has been one of the driest in the history of the local weather bureau, and this has made the fighting of the flames unusually difficult. A drought has been in progress since the last week in April in many parts of eastern Oregon and precipitation in all parts of the state has been below normal.

The following figures have been compiled by Edward Wells of the Portland weather bureau to show the precipitation this year as compared to normal:

Oregon.	Normal.	1919.	Idaho.	Normal.	1919.
Baker	3.17	0.92	Ashton	2.15	1.10
Beard	2.07	0.92	Blackfoot	2.15	1.10
Burns	2.41	0.25	Chilhowee	2.15	0.85
Chilhowee	2.87	0.40	Coalinga	2.15	0.85
Daviesville	2.82	0.19	Caldwell	2.47	0.62
Emmettsville	1.44	0.23	Hambridge	2.90	1.15
Frenchville	2.95	0.67	Halley	3.02	0.44
Lakewood	2.04	0.30	Idaho Falls	2.71	1.03
Medford	2.80	0.90	Merced	2.15	0.36
Nyssa	2.28	0.28	Payette	2.18	0.10
Richland	4.42	0.11	Thousand Springs	2.32	0.62
Val	2.80	0.08	Twin Falls	2.48	0.25
Val. Falls	3.84	0.10	Shoshone	1.70	0.15

LANE REPORTS IMPROVEMENT

Many Bad Timber Blazes Now Fully Under Control.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—A. O. Waha, assistant district forester from Portland, went to Oakridge yesterday to assist in fighting fires in the Cascade national forest. Mr. Waha has had much experience in forest fire work. Last year during the bad season in Idaho he was called from Washington, D. C., to help fight the fires in that state.

R. S. Wallace, supervisor of the Cascade forest, said yesterday that a trench had been dug entirely around the fire on the south fork of the McKenzie river and that the fire-fighters are confident of having it under control in a day or two. The fall creek fire is less dangerous than hitherto, according to reports.

Carl V. Olesby, supervising warden of the Western Lane County Fire Patrol association, who returned to the city yesterday from a trip to the forests in the Coast mountains, said the situation there was well in hand and nearly all the fires in complete control. The Western Lane County Fire Patrol association has an excellent organization.

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FIRE REACHES GLACIER PARK

Great Northern Train Picks Up Tourists Fleeing for Safety.

DEVILS LAKE, N. D., Aug. 23.—A report reached this city yesterday that the forest fires in Montana had reached Glacier National park, and that Great Northern train No. 4 is four hours late, due to picking up tourists fleeing from the park.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 23.—Persons arriving here today from Glacier park declared that several fires were burning in the park when they left. One fire of considerable proportions was in the timber near Two Medicine camp. Great Northern railway headquarters here had "no new information" regarding the fire, it was announced.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 23.—The Two Medicine Lake region in Glacier National park has been closed to tourists and campers have been excluded from the Many Glaciers locality because of fierce forest fires that are destroying some of the most beautiful country in the park, according to motor tourists, who reached Helena today from Glacier park. The Two Medicine fire was set by campers, it is said.

LEWIS RIVER BLAZE CURBED

Work of Fighters Effective and Loss to Date Is Slight.

WOODLAND, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—A stretch of country extending from two miles beyond Yale on Lewis river to the Cougar, Wash. postoffice has been swept by a brush and timber fire for the past five days and fears were felt that it would get into a large body of green timber beyond Cougar, but now it seems that the fire-fighters have it practically under control. The loss so far has been light, as the fire was principally in the old burn of 1902.

In the fire in this vicinity in 1902 17 people were burned to death, houses and cattle destroyed and immense quantities of green timber burned and killed.

Last reports today are that the fire has crossed Lewis river into Clarke county and is burning in the dead timber of the 1902 burn.

"FIREBUG" HELD RESPONSIBLE

Many Blazes Declared to Be Work of Incendiaries.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—That many of the fires in the Umpqua forests were the work of "firebugs" was the statement of District Forester S. C. Bartrum today. While all fires in this section are being successfully held in check, there is fear that prevailing winds may fan the flames into activity again in some places.

The airplane patrol has accomplished much good and the forestry service hopes to keep the machines at duty until the season is past. Three fires, all believed to be of incendiary origin, were reported near White Rock today.

MIL WORK HALTED BY FIRE

Operatives Called to Woods to Help Combat Blazes.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—A fire in the cut-over territory tributary to the logging camp of the Holbrook Lumber company at Row river has interfered with the operation of the mill, as the men have been required to fight the fire. No damage has been done to standing timber and the flames are under control.

Forest Ranger Holderman has 50 men fighting the machine fire in the Bohemia district but it is said that no damage is being done to valuable standing timber.

Unions Plan Labor Day Picnic.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—A Labor-day picnic at Timberworkers' park on the island in the Columbia river between Kalama and Goble is being planned by the timber workers of Kelso, Kalama, Goble and St. Helena. There will be an address by G. J. Covert, president of the timber workers' union, a free barbecue, athletic contests, races and sports and bathing. The picnic will leave Kelso at 9 A. M. and will return in the evening. The grand ball will take place at McDonough's hall in Kelso in the evening.

Diking District Organized.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—Diking district No. 11 of Cowlitz county was organized this week by the board of county commissioners. This district includes the town of Woodland and approximately 1200 acres lying between the railway and the Lewis river on the east side of the track. G. J. Porsky of Kelso is engineer for the district. Work is now under way on district No. 8, which will reclaim 5500 acres of overflow land in the Woodland section.

Two Autoists Hurt in Crash With Car.

N. B. Gale, 724 East Twentieth street, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries received when an auto in which he was riding collided with a streetcar at Lafayette and Milwaukee avenue. W. T. Cotti, who gave the same address, and who was at the wheel of the car at the time, was also injured, sustaining minor bruises.

Centralia Prefers Veterans.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—The L. E. Menefee Lumber company of Winlock, successors to the Black Diamond Lumber company, yesterday published a notice to the effect that it will give war veterans the preference in employing men at its mill. It is understood that several other mills in this vicinity will follow the example of the Winlock concern.

COLUMBIA FISH PACK VALUED AT \$5,186,880

Season, Marked by Unsteady Catches, Will End Tomorrow.

MONEY OUTLAY IS RECORD

Total of \$2,706,280 Paid to Gillnetters, Trollers, Seiners and Trappers Since May 1.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—The spring and summer fishing season on the Columbia river will close at noon Monday. Although the catch during the month of June and July was exceptionally tight, the pack of the canned salmon averaged well, being only 15 per cent below that of 1918, while the pickled or cold storage output is larger than last year.

The first two weeks of the opening of the season last May and the closing three weeks this month saved the season. On the opening day the take of big spring Chinooks was unusually large. This continued until well after the middle of May and as most of these fish went into cans, the canned pack of first-class Chinooks equals that of 1918, the shortage being in the lower grades. From that time on the fishing was slack, with little sports now and then. Since August 5 the catch has been steady and sufficiently large to keep every plant working full time up to the closing day.

Season Profitable for Fishermen.
Of the various classes of fishermen, the river seiners and the gillnetters did the best. The season was profitable for them. Especially is this true of the seiners above Desdemona sands and the gillnetters, who operated from Tongue Point up the river as far as Rainier. The gillnetters in the lower harbor made comparatively poor catches, being in the mouth of the river, where the water was too shallow to permit of the use of the salmon swim deep. The trappers have done but little, while the trollers and purse seiners, fishing outside the mouth of the river, had the poorest season in years.

The season was marked by the absence of the usual run of bluebacks, scarcely any entering the river, and this shortened the catch of wheels, seines and diving nets of the upper river. Steelheads were also scarce this year.

Money Outlay Is Record.
While the ruling price for raw salmon was 11½ cents a pound, the same as last year, at least one packer openly paid 13 cents, and independent buyers paid 12 cents. The ruling price for the latter part of the season to 15 cents a pound.

For that reason the amount of money paid the fishermen is probably the largest in the history of the industry on the river. The same can also be said of the canned product, the higher grade selling at more than \$13 a case with the demand far in excess of the supply. The market for the lower grades is not as brisk. It is expected that most of the companies will operate canneries during the fall season which will open on September 10.

Output Is Large.
The closing of the war has made a better European market for pickled salmon, although as yet none is being shipped direct to Germany, which in former years was the principal consumer of that product. Consequently the packers depend to a great extent upon the domestic demand for the pickled product and as a result two of the largest plants, the Warren and Sanborn-Cutting packed no pickling fish, putting all their catches into cans.

A conservative estimate places the total canned output of the river at 21,465,000 pounds of raw salmon. The cold storage output consists of 24,242,000 pounds of fish cured at the canneries and cold storage plants.

\$2,706,280 Paid Fishermen.
At the ruling price of 11½ cents a pound, this means that the sum of \$2,706,280 has been paid the gillnetters, trollers, seiners, purse seiners and trappers for their catches since the season opened on May 1. This amount does not include the other large sums expended for labor in handling the catches, transporting them from the fishing grounds to the packing plants and in canning and pickling. Neither does it include the sum paid the fishermen for the vast amount of fresh

fish shipped by the dealers to the markets of the interior.
Figuring \$13 a case for the canned salmon and 15 cents a pound for the pickled fish, the output of the Columbia river fisheries during the season, which ends next Monday, is worth in the markets of the world an aggregate of \$5,403,000, less 6 per cent allowed for commissions and discounts, or \$5,186,880.

Packs by Companies Given.
The number of cases of canned salmon "as they run," about 85 per cent of which are half cases, put up by each of the individual packing companies is estimated as follows:

Columbia River Packers' association (three canneries)	103,000
Tallant-Grant Packing company	46,000
Union Fishermen's Co-operative Pack-	50,000
ing company	53,000
Sanborn-Cutting Packing company	50,000
Columbia River Fish company	14,500
Booth-Cutting Packing company	20,000
Harley Fish company	29,000
McGowan & Sons (two canneries)	28,000
Chinook Packing company	25,000
Jeldness Bros.	9,500
Allen & Hendrickson	22,500
Pillar Hook Packing company	25,000
W. A. Stegler Packing company	22,500
Warren Packing company	32,000
Allen & Hendrickson	22,500
Seafort	5,000
Total	539,000

The pack of pickled fish in tins of 800 pounds each, by the individual packing companies is estimated as follows:

Union Fishermen's Co-operative Pack-	500
ing company	400
Schmidt & Co.	400
Columbia River Packers' association	400
Lindenberg company	250
Vanderpool & Co.	250
Klevenhusen	100
Tallant-Grant Packing company	175
Total	2325

DEEP SEA SALMON FORBIDDEN
Sale of Fish Taken Outside of Three-Mile Limit Prohibited.

Salmon caught outside the three-mile limit at the mouth of the Columbia river during the closed season may not be lawfully sold within the state of Oregon, according to George M. Brown, attorney-general, in rendering a decision on this question which has been perplexing the state fish and game commission.

The closed season closes for three weeks beginning Monday, and the state officials had anticipated difficulty in preventing fishermen securing salmon during that time at the mouth of the river outside the three-mile limit, which is the limit of national jurisdiction, and selling the fish in this state.

While the fish may be caught, under Attorney-General Brown's opinion, they cannot be sold in the state and the approval of Washington is not necessary for the enforcement of this ruling.

State Game Warden Shoemaker left yesterday for Astoria, where he will remain for several days to see that the law is enforced at that point.

Mr. Brown's decision upon the matter is that the fish may be caught, but the provision in Oregon game laws that prohibits the purchase or taking of salmon for sale outside the three-mile limit is not within concurrent jurisdiction and is enforceable without the approval of the state of Washington.

STATE TO BUY TRACTORS

Machines Will Be Used on Farms of Two Institutions.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—Contracts were signed here today for the purchase of two Fordson tractors which will be used at the Home for the Feeble-Minded and State Training school. The tractors cost the state \$975 each and will be delivered to the institutions before September 1.

R. H. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, believes the tractors will save the taxpayers of Oregon several thousands of dollars annually, for the reason that either of the machines will do the work of six horses. The tractors will be equipped with two plows, rolling coulters and jointers.

BANQUET TO WOMEN GIVEN

Soldiers From Vancouver Barracks Wait on Table.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—About 150 mothers and daughters attended the mother-daughter banquet at the soldiers' and sailors' clubrooms last night. The women were waited upon at the table by soldiers from the barracks. A musical programme was given.

At the community sing to be given in the city park Monday night, the girls' victory chorus will appear.

Cars and Ships Scarce.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special).—Harbor mills now are getting only about 40 per cent of their normal allotment of cars. Cargo ships also are scarce and as a result stocks are piling up in the mill yards awaiting shipment.

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MORE PORT BONDS NEEDED

Third Issue of \$200,000 to Be Submitted to Vote of People.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special).—The port commission of Coos Bay will hold a public meeting for the purpose of debating the expediency of floating a third port bond issue of \$200,000 for use in purchasing a site for public docks, constructing the docks and providing a small suction dredge to operate on the inlets. The port already has \$600,000 of outstanding bonds, issued some years ago when the channel was deepened from Charleston

bay to the C. A. Smith Bay City saw-mill.

The question of a third bond issue need not necessarily be requested of the taxpayers, as the port commission has power to float bonds up to \$300,000, but the policy of securing the people's consent was followed in the second issue and this time an election will probably be held to determine the feeling of the public.

S. & H. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Company, Main 352. A 2553. Blockwood, short slabwood, Utah and Rock Springs coal; sawdust.—Adv.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

SOUTH BEND SAFE BLOWN

Robbers Get \$30 in Currency and \$150 in Liberty Bonds.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 23.—Robbers early today blew open a safe in the office here of the Willapa Harbor from work and escaped with about \$30 in currency, three \$50 liberty bonds and several war savings stamps. The robbers, before blowing the safe, rifled a steel filing cabinet, after breaking into it with tools borrowed from the plant's machine shop. A portion of the safe door was blown 40 feet by the explosion.

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