

## Fire Menace Is Very Great

**FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!!!**  
"This is an alarm of fire."  
"Do you hear it?"  
"Will you heed it?"  
"If the fire has not come yet, it soon will."  
"You may prevent it."  
"You can scarcely stop it."  
"Although July has hardly begun, a dry spring followed by hot weather has resulted in terrific forest fires throughout the coast states. The tinder-like condition of the woods so early in the season threatens us with one of the worst fire years in history. With the situation already extremely serious and the usually dry months still to come the Pacific Northwest faces great danger of uncontrollable sweeping fires before which all effort will be powerless to prevent great destruction of resources if not of human lives. It is a time to appeal to every citizen for vigilance to avert disaster and distress to the community."

In these words the Western Forestry & Conservation Association begins a statement issued recently as result of reports upon the unusually critical forest fire situation received from its subsidiary fire fighting organizations throughout the Northwestern states. All authorities agree that the unusually early arrival of dangerous conditions warrants grave apprehension. Great destruction has already resulted in Montana, Idaho, and California. In Oregon and Washington many fires have broken out and, although most have been successfully handled, every day is increasing the danger of conditions which prevent control.

The association calls attention to the fact that very destructive forest fires come in cycles, due to abnormal years. While in ordinary seasons countless fires smoulder without serious effect and even the more important ones can usually be checked by sufficient effort, every few years comes a combination of protracted dry weather and wind during which any fire once started becomes almost instantaneously beyond influence of human endeavor. Such fires burn furiously till checked by rain or lack of fuel and sweep vast areas with great rapidity. The last of these "fire years" was 1902, when many lives besides resources worth nearly \$80,000,000 were destroyed in Oregon and Washington in a day or two. It is a return of such a catastrophe which is feared if heavy rains do not relieve the early dryness of 1910.

In the mean time the Association appeals to every traveler and resident in forest regions to exercise the greatest precaution with fire, and to all timber owners to maintain vigilant patrol. In some states the Governor has legal power to forbid hunting, fishing and camping during periods of great fire danger, but in the Northwest there is no insurance but care exercised by the individual.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching service at 11 a. m.; the communion service will follow. Sermon in the evening at 8 p. m.  
You are invited to attend these services.  
ELDER J. H. BARKLEY, Minister.

## FARM LOANS

EIGHT PER CENT PER ANNUM  
NO DELAYS  
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SOFT DRINKS  
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## MADRAS MEAT MARKET

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers  
FRESH AND CURED MEATS  
We have the best line of Fresh Meats in the country  
ALL KINDS OF GARDEN VEGETABLES IN THEIR SEASON

## GREEK KILLS FOREMAN

Continued on page 1.

A Coroner's jury brought in the following verdict:

We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Andrew Melrich find that deceased came to his death by a gun shot wound, at the hands of Dan Prerich.

John Loveall, foreman.  
Jerry Cramer.  
F. M. Loveland.  
J. H. Wilson.  
S. E. Gray.  
Edward Sweeting.

On Wednesday the preliminary examination of Prerich was held at Prineville and he was held to await the action of the grand jury and was remanded to jail. Two auto loads of witnesses went up from this place to attend the examination.

The remains of Melrich were buried in Madras Cemetery last Monday evening.

Sheriff Elkins, A. J. Weston and Jerry Cramer went to the scene of the murder this (Thursday) morning. They were able to follow the tracks of Prerich right up to the place where he fired the fatal shot, and also his tracks when he fled. They were easily identified by the fact that one shoe worn by Prerich had hob-nails in it, and the other did not. While there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the man held is the murderer, no one saw the deed committed, and this evidence furnished by the tracks will be valuable in establishing Prerich's guilt.

### NEWSPAPER PRESS FOR SALE

Six-column quarto Ideal Hand Cylinder newspaper press for sale cheap or cash. As good as new. Write the Pioneer, Madras, Oregon.

Pouring a small quantity of kerosene into the hills of ants near the house is said to be an effective means of driving them away.

As soon as the breeding season is over the hens will endure the hot weather and shed their feathers just as well if the roosters are put in a yard by themselves or into potpies.

Experiments carefully conducted show that calves and pigs, like growing plants, make the most rapid growth when they have abundant sunshine. It is a cheap tonic and should be used without stint.

The expenditure of the same ingenuity and energy will give larger financial returns from the raising of onions than fussing with ginseng and from the growing of "murphies" than monkeying with mushrooms.

## BLACKSMITHING HORSESHOEING

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Madras, Oregon

## The Scrap Book

### Things He Didn't Understand.

At the table on an incoming liner on a recent trip one of the first cabin passengers found in an oyster one of the tiny seed pearls which look almost exactly like bird shot. Apparently the formation of pearls was a mystery to him, for he examined the thing curiously, picked it up gingerly and laid it on the tablecloth for further investigation.

Now, it is a habit of cooks at sea to carry fishhooks in their pockets, and on this trip, by a curious coincidence, part of a small hook got caught in a piece of beefsteak that was served to this particular passenger. As soon as his knife encountered the hard object he started, picked it out carefully and laid it beside his other find on the cloth.

Then he beckoned to the waiter and confidently whispered in his ear. "I don't want to be impertinent," he said, "but would you mind telling me where you shoot your oysters and why you catch your steaks with a hook and line?"

### A Home Song.

I turned an ancient poet's book  
And found upon the page,  
"Stone walls do not a prison make  
Nor iron bars a cage."  
Yes, that is true, and something more—  
You'll find where'er you roam  
That marble floors and gilded walls  
Can never make a home.

But every house where love abides  
And friendship is a guest  
Is surely home, and home, sweet home,  
For there the heart can rest.  
—Henry van Dyke.

### He Was Not Surprised.

"What kind of ducks are these?" asked the visitor in the ornithological department at the museum.

"Labrador," said the attendant. "We paid \$1,000 for those two specimens."

"Gosh," exclaimed the visitor, turning to his wife, "he says they paid \$1,000 for 'em! I've bought finer ducks for half a dollar many a time. What have you got 'em in that glass case for?" he inquired, addressing the guide again.

"Because they are about the most notable exhibit we have. Those birds were shot in 1856. Labrador ducks are now extinct."

"He says," exclaimed the visitor, turning to his wife once more, "they put 'em in that glass case because they haven't a pleasant odor. And I don't wonder at it. They were shot in 1856."

### The Only Thing to Do.

The old veteran had paused in his reminiscences and was mopping his brow, while his audience waited impatiently, thinking he had left off.

"I recollect," he continued dreamily, "that at the battle of Alma I had a very exciting time. Bullets were pelting upon us like rain, men fell right and left, cannon roared like thunder itself, and, worst of all, the enemy had managed to get within a hundred yards of our position. I was mad with excitement and wasn't thinkin' of anything except just fightin' for all I was worth. All of a sudden I turned and found that my regiment had changed its position, and I was cut off—left to the mercy of the enemy, sir!"

The veteran paused. He always does at the most exciting part. He finds it amusing.

"Well, what did you do?" asked an impatient listener.

"Do?" said the old fellow sternly. "Well, I reckon I did a mile in three minutes!"—St. Paul Dispatch.

### The Why He Scored.

Sir Charles Todd was for many years at the head of the Adelaide observatory and was the chief of the South Australian weather bureau. Once when visiting one of the smaller towns of the colony he called on a man who had gained a local reputation as a weather prophet. Without disclosing his identity Sir Charles said to him: "I dabble a little in weather predicting myself. Would you mind telling me how you arrive at your conclusions?"

"Oh, that's easy enough," was the reply. "There's an old cove in Adelaide called Todd who puts in the papers what he thinks the weather's going to be, and I always put just the opposite to what he says, and that's the way I score."

### Some Puns.

The best pun in the English language is Tom Hood's:

He went and told the sexton,  
And the sexton tolled the bell.

The worst pun is that of the man who fell into a ditch and rose with the remark, "How very ditch-tressing!"

Dr. Johnson said that the pun was the lowest order of wit, but to this Goldsmith replied, "The pun, in other words, is the foundation of wit, eh?"

Every Latin master likes to tell his boys two puns. The first is a punning derivation of restaurant: "Res, a thing; taurus, a bull; a bully thing." The other is a derivation of virgin: "Vir, a man; gin, a trap; a man trap."

Among newspaper humorists the pun is dying out. In the old days, the good old days, the Burlington Hawkeye man and the Norristown Herald man and the Arkansas Traveler man would pun at each other like this:

We don't care a straw what Shakespeare said—a rose by any other name would not smell as wheat.—Arkansas Traveler.

We have made an out of the above.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Such gags are barely tolerable. They smaze us, they arouse our righteous corn, and they turn the public taste a-rye.—Norristown Herald.

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# M. E. Thompson Co.

**HOMESTEAD.** Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 24, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Asa Clark, of Madras, Oregon, who, on July 6, 1906, made Homestead (serial No. 03955) No 13255, for Lot 2, 3 and section 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Howard W. Turner, United States Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 2nd day of August, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Earl Noble, Ray Stamp, William Hamlin and Ed Pike, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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Notice for Publication.—

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose post office address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 10th day of June, 1910, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), as extended by congress, approved May 17th 1906, the Lot 1, sec 17, tp 9 s, r 13 e, w. m., containing 26.33 acres.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 2nd day of August, 1910.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

**HOMESTEAD.** Notice For Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 24, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Seth S. Crawford,

of Culver, Oregon, who on March 28, 1906, made Homestead (serial no. 03884) no. 15033, for n 1/2 sec 14, sec 14, sec 27 and ne 1/4 sec 33, tp 13 s, r 13 e, w. m.,

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 2nd day of August, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: G. Springer, Dwight Roberts and William Banta, all of Culver, Or., and Walter Ruble, of Madras, Or.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.** Northern Pacific Railway Co., List No. 1236, List No. 67092, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 28, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose postoffice address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 25th day of June, 1910, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), as extended by the Act of Congress approved May 17, 1907, the n 1/2 sec 2; sec 8; sec 16 sec 30, twp. 12 s., range 16 east; also n 1/2 sec 28, twp. 11 south, range 17 east, W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 16th day of August, 1910.

C. W. MOORE, Register

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

The Dalles, Oregon June 28th 1910. Notice is hereby given that the state of Oregon has filed in this office its application, No. 07085 to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, The Lot 2, sec. 20, tp 9 s., r. 13 e., w. m., Any and all persons claiming adversely the land described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 16th day of August 1910.

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