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## MANY FIRES IN COOS COUNTY BUT NONE YET VERY SERIOUS

Greatest Damage Reported Is at McDonald-Vaughan Logging Camp.

SEVERAL HOUSES ARE DESTROYED.

Stage Driver Makes An Exciting Run Through the Burning Forests.

### COUNTY FIRE SUMMARY.

- ♦ Fire near Empire does not endanger that city. Forty men fighting it.
- ♦ Blacksmith shop, machine shop, six houses and railroad bridges burned at Daniels Creek.
- ♦ Two houses reported burned at Fairview, where bad fire is burning.
- ♦ Rufus Howe makes exciting drive on stage through big fire near Dora.
- ♦ Judge Schilbrede fights fire to save homestead on South Slough.
- ♦ Fire reported to be burning near the Hoeck logging camp at Smith's Basin.
- ♦ A. H. Powers reports that no serious damage has been done to timber.
- ♦ Generally believed that the fires throughout the county will not spread to green timber.

Fires are reported in many different parts of Coos county, but none are really very serious so far. The most damage was done at the McDonald-Vaughan logging camp at Daniels Creek, where buildings were burned. Several houses in different localities have been burned, but so far the damage is not great. The County Fire Fighters Association has about one hundred men at work fighting the fires, and ranchers in all parts are doing what they can. It is generally believed that the fires will not burn in the green timber, and there will not be any great timber loss.

### LOGGERS BURNED OUT.

Six Residences at Daniels Creek Are Destroyed.

Jack Lapp, who returned this afternoon from Daniels Creek where he took Mr. Vaughan of the McDonald-Vaughan camp, reports that the fire there did a good deal of damage, more than was at first reported. A number of the houses which were occupied by loggers employed in the camp were burned. The houses are owned by the company, but the occupants all lost to some extent. Dan McCay lost everything in his house. George Terry and H. Blake were both burned out, and each lost about half of their household effects. Ed. Lawrence lost everything in his house. A house occupied by several Greeks was also burned and the contents lost. William Cross was also burned out.

Three of the trucks used on the railroad were burned and the blacksmith shop and the machine shop at the McDonald-Vaughan camp were destroyed. About 1,400 feet of the railroad and trestles were burned and the rails are warped so that the road for a time cannot be used. The railroad extends from Coos River back into the timber where the logging is being done.

### DRIVES THROUGH FIRE.

Rufus Howe Has An Exciting Experience Near Dora.

Rufus Howe, the driver of the Roseburg stage, had quite an exciting experience coming into Sumner last night. He had no passengers, but carried a wagon load of mail. Beyond Dora, near the Easton place, there was a fire in the timber. He thought that he could get through all right, but after he started he found that the fire was on both sides of the road and the flames leaped clear across the road in places. Howe was driving a pair of mules. The animals did not need much urging and for half a

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## FIRE SITUATION IS MORE HOPEFUL

People Living in Parts of Idaho Are Returning Home, But New Fires Reported in Other quarters.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 25.—With eighty-six members of the forest service known to be dead and grave fears for a number of others, news is anxiously awaited from the relief expedition sent to the rescue of Ranger Halmand and his party of eighty-four men, who have not been heard from since Saturday. News is beginning to come out of the St. Joe country, but it is not encouraging. The information to-day received is that forty-seven fire fighters are missing and probably dead. Near Avery, forty-four bodies have been found, and ten Japanese and four negro soldiers are missing. Arrivals from Big Creek to-day report that two American and fifteen Austrian woodchoppers were burned to death Saturday. These men were working farther up the creek than the thirty Italians already reported dead.

### TRAINS BLOCKED.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., August 25.—Information received to-day from Ashford states that the Pacific and Eastern trains are blocked by fires to and from the Rainier National Forest. The fire is said to be running rapidly and is very serious. Late reports from Snoquimle say a strong wind is blowing and that the fires are spreading.

### REPORT MANY DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 25.—Sixty-five American men arriving from St. Joe country to-day report forty-eight of their comrades burned to death at Big Creek Saturday. All the men were recruited in Missoula.

### EIGHTY-SIX DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 25.—The fact that about eighty-six men of the forest service have perished has

been definitely established by reports to the supervisor at Wallace. Until Ranger Halmand and the fire fighters on St. Joe are heard from, and until fifty-five men under Ranger Kootkey believed to be on Clear Creek are found, the actual number of dead fire fighters cannot be known. The number of dead is variously estimated from eighty-six to one hundred and two, but that eighty-six are dead is positively established.

### CREWS REPORTING.

(By Associated Press.) WALLACE, Idaho, August 25.—The number of men Ranger Debitts Hardy found on Setzer Creek is now reported to be twenty-four. The number of foresters dead on Big Creek is now forty-seven. The two Bird Creek crews under Ranger Allen are safe. The Rock Creek crew lost one man. The big party under Supervisor Ferns is safe.

### CAN RETURN HOME.

(By Associated Press.) MISSOULA, Mont., August 25.—Early reports from the fire districts are of a decided rosate hue. At the forestry headquarters assurance is being given that it is quite safe to return to the homes along the railroads in the Coeur d'Alene districts.

### CALL FOR TROOPS.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., August 25.—A forest fire which broke out in the Cedar Valley, twenty-five miles east of Seattle, last night got out of control. Chief Warden Simons said this morning that his men were powerless and he will call on the Governor to order out the militia at once. The fires are dangerously close to the saw-mill towns of Harleston, North Bend, Turner, Wagner and Kangley. Taylor, a town of 600 inhabitants, is also seriously menaced.

Warden Simons has telegraphed the War and Navy Departments asking that the forts and warships on Puget Sound fire all big guns at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning in hope that the detonation will start a general rainfall over western Washington.

## SAW THIRTY MEN BURNED

Italian Fire Fighters in Washington Meet an Awful Fate.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 25.—Charles Miller and Warren Wheaton, lumber jacks who arrived to-day from St. Maries district in Idaho, tells a heart rendering story of witnessing the death of thirty Italian fire fighters. They saw them huddled, shrieking, praying and cursing, while the fire came and put them to death.

All were working in a canyon, fighting the fire which was coming down. The Italians were about one hundred yards above the lumber jacks. Suddenly the flames came up to the canyon. The two lumber jacks saw them and ran for a creek in which they submerged themselves. The Italians became panic stricken, tried to climb the walls of the canyon and fell back. The flames came then and the lumber jacks saw no more until after the fire passed over. Nothing was left then but a heap of charred flesh.

Lewis River and threatens Lewisville, and the people are fleeing. On Mason prairie, in Cowlitz county, the situation is so serious that the people have buried their furniture and have fled. The fire on Cedar Creek in Clarke county is threatening two large sawmills. Over two hundred men are fighting this fire.

There will be an OPEN AIR DANCE SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, corner Central and Broadway. GOOD music.

J. P. MORRIS and family will leave on the Plant for San Diego, where they will spend the winter.

## WILL PUNISH THE GRAFTERS

Theodore Roosevelt Says He Will Not Show Any Party Distinction.

(By Associated Press.) BUFFALO, N. Y., August 25.—Theodore Roosevelt pledged himself to-day to the men of Buffalo to help them and all sincere citizens to fight crookedness wherever found. He spoke to the Ellicott Club, where, as a guest, he was at breakfast an hour after sunrise. He made a plea for the punishment of crooked and grafting public officials and the election of honest ones in their places. Roosevelt said he thought it a duty to hunt out crooks and especially crooks in his own party. "I believe in party government," he said, "but the moment the question of honesty is involved I recognize no party distinctions."

Nearly four hundred members of the Ellicott Club and other citizens representing professional and business interests and a wide variety of political affiliations met Roosevelt when he arrived. As Roosevelt entered the banquet hall "America" was sung with the accompaniment of the regimental band. Breakfast was expeditiously served as there was less than an hour before the time for Roosevelt's departure for Chicago.

HANK WELLS and Lee Edwards have gone to Curry county to hunt deer.

Lyon is coming Sunday, Aug. 28th.

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## DAIRYVILLE, CURRY COUNTY, HAS \$50,000 FIRE LOSS

## THINKS DEAD MAN IS DE MOSS

Indian Police Near Klamath Falls May Have Killed Former Coos Bayite.

Al. De Moss, formerly nightwatch at North Bend and later employed in the C. A. Smith mill at Marshfield, was shot and killed near Klamath Falls on August 13th by one of the government Indian police, according to word received here by Marshal Carter through a press dispatch and through word brought by a friend from Klamath Falls. De Moss' wife and child live at Eastside, Mrs. De Moss being employed in the Coos Bay Steam Laundry, where she has been working to support her family while her husband was away.

Marshal Carter is endeavoring to secure further particulars or additional confirmation of the story and has written the Sheriff at Klamath Falls, but has not received any reply yet.

According to the press dispatch, the Indian police had been hot on the trail of a band of horse thieves who had been robbing the ranches in that vicinity for some time. They finally located a corral in the mountains where the stolen horses were kept. As they closed in on the hidden corral, some of the men located at it broke and ran. One was slower than the others in getting away and a bullet from an Indian policeman's rifle ended his career. He was a large, good looking chap, but there was little or no means of identifying him. After getting a good description of him, he was buried near the scene of the shooting.

According to Marshal Carter, the description of the man killed tallies exactly with that of De Moss and he says that he is confident that it is De Moss.

Mrs. Annie De Moss is heart broken over the affair and is endeavoring to ascertain further particulars. Since she received the first word a day or two ago, she has doubted the story until last night when Marshal Carter assured her that in his opinion the man killed was her husband.

De Moss came to Coos Bay from no one knows where, and later was appointed nightwatch in North Bend four or five years ago. Some months after his appointment he was forced to resign as a result of trouble following a gun play. Then he came to Marshfield, where he remained some time and married his present wife. About two years ago, he left for Pasley, Oregon, where he remained for awhile. Since his departure, Mrs. De Moss heard from him only at infrequent intervals.

Entire West Side of Main Street Wiped Out Last Night.

BUT LITTLE OF VILLAGE LEFT.

Blaze Started in Livery Barn From Unknown Cause.

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., August 25.—Fire of unknown origin last night wiped out the business section of Dairyville, south of here in Curry county, causing a loss that is estimated at \$50,000. Several head of horses were burned in the conflagration. No insurance, so far as can be learned, was carried, so that the loss will be total. Ed. Rackleff, who conducted a large general store at Dairyville, is the heaviest loser. His loss is estimated at \$10,000. The two hotels, livery barn, postoffice and other buildings on the west side of Main street in the town were totally wiped out.

The blaze started in the livery barn and the cause is unknown. It had gained considerable headway when noticed and it was impossible to get all the horses out. The town had no fire protection, but every citizen was enlisted in a bucket brigade and it was due to their work that the east side of Main street and what remains of the town was saved.

At the north end of Main street is the sawmill. Next to this is the livery stable where the fire started. Next was Peter Hagerson's Hotel, a cottage belonging to Hagerson, another small house, a barber shop, a wood working shop, Rackleff's store, the postoffice, another store and Richard Sorenson's hotel. All of these buildings are reported burned. This leaves nothing in the business section of the city excepting a soft drink parlor and a blacksmith shop on the east side of the street.

## COLD SPELL IN COLORADO

The Mercury Goes Down and Breaks All Records For Month of August.

(By Associated Press.) COLORADO SPRINGS, August 25.—All records for cold weather in August were broken here last night, when the mercury was 38 above. DENVER, Colo., August 25.—Not since the keeping of the official records has such a degree of cold been experienced as last night. The mercury was 39 above.

## COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

PORTLAND WINS A GAME FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND KEEPS UP RECORD.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., August 25.—Yesterday's baseball scores follow:

AT PORTLAND—	R.	H.
Portland .....	6	11
San Francisco .....	3	9
AT OAKLAND—	R.	H.
Oakland .....	4	7
Los Angeles .....	2	7
AT VERNON—	R.	H.
Vernon .....	2	6
Sacramento .....	1	5

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## M. F. PLANT IS IN PORT

Arrives To-Day From San Francisco With Passengers and Freight.

The steamer M. F. Plant arrived to-day from San Francisco. The following is the list of passengers arriving:

C. E. Gilbert, G. A. Ulom, J. M. Wade, A. E. Levett, Mrs. M. H. Tyroll, Mrs. Dart, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. A. H. Woodin, Albert Woodin, P. Schullerstrom, Mrs. J. E. Schilling, Joe Schilling, J. Lanham, M. Holzmark, W. L. Dickson, Mrs. Dickson, E. T. Lampe, H. Berger, J. Volante, Mrs. J. Volante, C. Whitehead, A. Fleske.