

# MANY FIRES IN COUNTY

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mile he made a lively run through the fire. Howe's trousers were burned, a hole was burned through the covering over the mail sacks, and Howe's face was badly scorched. The mules' heads were burned some, but neither man nor mules were seriously damaged. Howe did not know whether he would be able to get through the fire to-day, but he started out this morning with a load of passengers. There is no danger as the stage will not attempt to go through the burning timber unless it looks safe. Those who went out on the stage this morning were G. W. Finney and wife and son, Wilson Kirk-riff, J. S. Binder, G. A. Racouillat, and Mrs. M. D. Sumner.

## EMPIRE NOT IN DANGER.

### Fire There Has Turned Away From the City.

For several hours yesterday afternoon Empire City was in danger because of the nearness of the fire in the timber. To-day there is no danger to the city, but the fire is still burning. About forty men are fighting the fire and this morning appeared to have it under control.

The fire started in the pine along the county road from North Bend to Empire. It was below the old cemetery and dangerously close to the city. For a time the wind was blowing toward Empire and it was feared that the city might be burned.

Every man in Empire who could went out and fought the fire. The flames went through the underbrush with great rapidity and for a while it looked exceedingly dangerous in Empire. The wind, however, changed and the fire followed back from the road between the lakes just this side of Empire. Some timber has been burned, but it is not thought that there has been much damage so far. The Simpson Lumber Company has valuable timber in the neighborhood and the Planagan estate has about 2,000,000 feet near the fire, but it was thought this morning that the fire would not consume the green timber.

Last night Tom Rennie organized a force of sixteen men and took them from North Bend to fight the fire, and this morning there were about forty men fighting against the flames. The fire had covered a considerable area and it was difficult to do much, but the men were trying to check the flames wherever they could and it appeared that they had the fire stopped from spreading.

For several hours yesterday the county road from North Bend to Empire was impassable. The fire was burning on both sides of the road and it was impossible to get through. The smoke was frightful. In North Bend last night the smoke was so heavy that it was impossible to see a block away. Nearer the fire the smoke was so dense that the road was impassable for vehicles.

There appears to be no danger from the fire to-day excepting what damage it might do to the timber, and so far none of the valuable timber has been damaged to any great extent.

## FIRE'S NOT DANGEROUS.

### A. H. Powers Says There Is No Cause For Alarm.

A. H. Powers, head of the Smith-Powers Logging Company, said to-day that no bad fires were reported in any of the timber where his company is operating. Mr. Powers thinks that there is no great danger. In regard to the fire situation, Mr. Powers said: "There is no great danger so far. There are a number of small fires throughout the county, but no damage is being done. The fire will not consume the green timber. The Fire Fighting Association has about one hundred men at work fighting the fires and our company has men at work in addition to those sent out by the association. Those men are simply fighting the small fires to prevent their spread. Many exaggerated reports have been circulated, but there is no danger and no great damage done so far and I do not anticipate that there will be any."

"The fire fighters are digging ditches around the timber where the fire is burning. It is impossible to put the fires out as the vegetation which is thick on the ground catches fire and will smoulder for weeks. The fire fighters dig ditches around the timber where the fire is burning and in that way prevent the flames from spreading. All that can be done is to back fire and confine the flames to the fire stricken districts. I do not think that there will be any great trouble from

the forest fires in this county, but we are all taking precautionary measures and preventing the fires from spreading."

## SAVED HIS HOUSE.

### Judge Schlabre Fights Fire Which Swept South Slough Country.

Judge Schlabre returned this morning from South Slough, where he has been staying on his homestead. He has been fighting fire for two days. The fire started at the head of Joe Nay Slough and swept a path about two miles wide, burning toward South Slough. The Judge's homestead house is in the timber and he had quite a time saving the place. With others, he carried water and poured it on the roof and succeeded in preventing the house from catching. Gus Johnson and Herman Beck and their families, who live in the neighborhood, were afraid to sleep in their houses for fear that the buildings might burn, and they all slept out in a field. Judge Schlabre says that while the fire threatened the ranch homes, it has done practically no damage as no valuable timber was burned. The fire was in small timber and underbrush.

## ONE FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

### Reported That the Ferrey Timber Not Greatly Damaged.

A report came last night that the fire in James Ferrey's timber was under control. Mr. Ferrey owns three-quarters of Section 16, in Township 26, Range 11, and also 160 acres in an adjoining section. The timber is highly valuable. It is located back some distance from where the McDonald-Vaughan Company is logging and is several miles west of Fairview. There are fires at both Fairview and in the Daniels Creek camp, so the fire on the Ferrey timber is practically the same one. Last night one of the rangers sent word to Mr. Ferrey that he need not send any more men as the fire on his tract was practically under control.

## COOK HOUSE BURNED.

### Damage Done at the McDonald-Vaughan Camp.

Wild rumors were circulated this morning about the McDonald-Vaughan camp and it was said that a man had been killed and the entire camp burned out. These rumors were incorrect. There was quite a fire at Daniels' Creek and the cook house and blacksmith shop at the lower camp were burned.

There was a report that the camp at Smith's Basin had been burned, but it is not thought that there is any truth to the report. There is a bad fire in that neighborhood, but as near as could be learned this morning the camp had so far not been damaged. The telephone lines extending in that direction are down.

## TWO HOUSES BURNED.

### Fire at Fairview Is Reported to Have Done Damage.

The fire at Fairview on the Coos Bay Wagon Road is reported to be bad. The telephone lines to that point are down, but information received by Judge Hall and over the telephone line last night was to the effect that two ranch houses in that neighborhood had been burned. It has not been learned whose houses were destroyed.

## INDICATES RAIN.

### Barometer To-day Is Low and Temperature High Yesterday.

Mrs. E. Mingus, the weather observer, reports that the barometer is low to-day and indicates that there will be rain, which, of course, will help put out the fires. The temperature yesterday was very high, the mercury reaching 87 degrees.

## MANY FIRES AT BANDON.

### Homesteaders Fighting to Save Their Cabins and Effects.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Ore., August 25.—Many small forest fires are burning in the timber near here. Nearly everybody is fighting fire. No serious damage has been done yet, aside from the loss of timber. Homesteaders are fighting hard to save their cabins on the different claims.

## FIRE AT MYRTLE POINT.

### Large Barn Belonging to R. C. Dement Is Destroyed.

MYRTLE POINT, Ore., August 25.—The large barn of R. C. Dement at Myrtle Point burned to the ground on Monday evening. All stock, vehicles, farm machinery, etc., were saved, but a large quantity of hay and the building were totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that spontaneous combustion may have been responsible for the conflagration.

Lyon is coming Sunday, Aug. 28th.

# REPORTS ON SCHOOL WORK

## County Superintendent Bunch Sets Forth Conditions in Coos County.

COQUILLE, Ore., August 23.—W. H. Bunch, County Superintendent of Schools, has made a report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in which he sets forth the condition of the schools in this county. The communication to Superintendent Ackerman, which is of interest, is as follows:

"In compliance with your request of the 16th inst. for a special report on the school conditions in this county, permit me to submit the following:

"The general outlook for every phase of the educational work of the county was never more promising than at the present. The spirit back of and instigating every uplifting movement in our civilization is clearly in evidence in most every school district in the county.

"Out of eighty-three districts but five are lacking in new modern amply equipped school houses; and only one of the five referred to could be classed as unfit for use.

"This spirit of enlightenment has given us in addition to good school buildings, five high schools, with full four-year courses, that have few if any superiors in the State. A few of our rural schools have added high school grades to their curriculum. This effort on the part of people living in the country to give their children the advantages of a more extended education, is stimulating the desire for stronger rural districts and thus making consolidation a probability in some parts of the county and an accomplished fact in other parts.

"Teachers are receiving a higher average wage this year than at any previous date. This is accompanied with a demand for more efficient instructors. The county districts are especially insistent that teachers with at least some professional training be available for their schools. This demand was so pronounced in our district board convention in August, 1909, that a resolution unanimously passed the meeting directing the County Superintendent to co-operate with a committee of his own appointing in arranging for a school of methods as a feature of the annual teachers' institute for the present year.

"The very liberal and hearty co-operation of the County Court made the work of this committee comparatively easy and a two weeks' session devoted entirely to methods was held in North Bend from August 1st to the 12th of this year. S. F. Ball and Miss Smith of the Arleta School, Portland, were the instructors. Ninety-one teachers were enrolled during the session with an average attendance of between fifty and sixty. The instruction was very practical and teachers whom I have met since the school closed speak of what they received in the highest terms and as being readily applicable to the greater efficiency of their class work.

"The third annual session of the district board convention met in North Bend on August 8th. The first half day was spent in inspecting the work of the school of methods brought into existence by their action of the previous year. During the afternoon the following matters were acted upon: First, that the teachers' institute of the future shall be a continuation of this year's work; second, that to enable all teachers to get the fullest possible advantage of the instruction given, all schools in session when the institute convenes shall be closed for the full time and the teachers under contract be allowed at least half of the time of said vacation. Very decided action was also taken affecting these whose lack of interest should prompt them to slight these provisions for their professional advancement. The consolidation of the rural districts as far as it is practical, and the erection of open sheds for out-door exercise during the rainy season were favorably considered."

## GARDEN BOTHERS SNYDER.

John Snyder, who lives at the corner of Hall avenue and Broadway, is disturbed on account of his garden. While he imported a high grade of seed from noted Burbank apostle, it failed to materialize. Probably this was due to the poor quality of stuff that the Oregon dredger threw on his lot. However, John is cheerful and says to his critics, "I will finally show you that I will make that garden the envy of all the experienced gardeners in this section of the county."

# CRANBERRY CROP GOOD

## Yield This Year Will Be Good and Profit to Growers Big.

R. Lyon of North Inlet has on exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce some very fine cranberries. They are not yet ripe, but they show the enormous size to which the cranberries will grow on this coast. Mr. Lyon has three acres planted. Several others on North Inlet have cranberry ranches and the yield this year will be large, according to the present condition of the crop.

The North Inlet cranberry marshes will yield this year about 400 bushels to the acre. They will bring at least \$3 a bushel. The cost of picking is about 75 cents. The cost of the boxes adds another 12 1/2 cents a bushel. Even making the expenses higher, allowing \$1 a bushel for harvesting there is left a profit of \$2 a bushel, which at the yield of 400 bushels to the acre gives a neat profit of about \$800 an acre.

Those who are growing cranberries say that the crop is an easy one to handle and requires work only during a part of the year. There is yet left much land in the North Inlet country which is available for this crop. The cost of setting out a cranberry marsh is about \$500 an acre, but the plants live for years and the first crop pays for the cost of planting and the preparation of the soil. Most of the cranberries raised in this county are shipped to the city and sometimes the crops are sold on the ground and harvested by the buyer.

## ACCIDENT IN LAUNDRY.

### Miss Osie Lane of Coquille Has Narrow Escape.

The Coquille Herald says: "What might have been a horrible accident happened at the Coquille Steam Laundry when Miss Osie Lane got one hand and arm and the other hand into the mangle. The accident happened early while the girls were putting blankets on the rollers, and the steam had not been turned into the machine or her hands and arm would have been burned till amputation would have had to be resorted to, and as the full pressure was not on, the bones were not crushed as one would suppose they would have been, however, they are badly bruised. Miss Sanders, who was assisting her, shifted the belt as quickly as she could, but before the machine stopped one arm was drawn in almost to the elbow, and before she could be released the tension screws had to be loosened, which was not sufficient to release her and a wrench was procured and the roller taken off. This allowed her arm and hand to be removed without further injury. The injuries may not be of a permanent nature."

THIS MAN WANTS HIS ICE CREAM SODA BACK.

EUGENE, Ore., August 25.—Amos Hoff, a Lane county farmer, is seeking heart balm in the sum of \$3,213 from Anna Severson, a comely young woman who refused to wed Hoff after he had paid her fare from Norway to Eugene. In his complaint, Hoff gives a list of purchases alleged to have been made for her benefit. The list includes a woman's rat and an ice cream soda.

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