

FIRES IN COOS COUNTY ARE NOT DAMAGING MUCH TIMBER

All Under Control and Are Being Held in Check.

WORST DAMAGE IS AT DANIELS CREEK.

Road Camp and Timber in Loon Lake Districts Is Burned.

The fire situation in Coos county is in no way dangerous. The fires which were burning yesterday and the day before all seem to have been checked to a great extent and none have spread.

"I do not know of any place where timber is owned," said A. H. Powers today, "where the timber is better protected. These fogs that come in put a blanket of dampness over a stretch of land twenty-five miles wide and helps to protect the timber.

"What little fires there are now are due to a large extent to the hunters. I venture that eighty per cent of the small fires that have burned in the county started by hunters who were careless and went away leaving their camp fires. The ranchers are also careless, and in burning their underbrush allow the fires to get away from them.

At the McDonald-Vaughan logging camp at Daniels Creek the fire did a good deal of damage to the property of the logging company. There are three camps at Daniels Creek. The middle camp, known as No. 2, was burned. It is a camp which is not now occupied. Several of the buildings at the lower camp were burned. The worst damage was to the railroad which inconveniences the logging operations.

Stopped Working. At the Hoeck logging camp at Smith Basin operations have stopped for a time and the men are fighting the fire. The blaze was getting unacceptably near to the camp buildings. The donkey engine was moved out into a burned-over space where it would be out of danger in case the fire did reach the camp.

Road Camp Burns. Fire in the timber at Loon Lake burned up the road camp. Six men were working on the new road from Allegany to Loon Lake and their camp was wiped out by the fire. All that the men saved was two suit cases. All the rest of their possessions at the camp were destroyed.

Fires Under Control. There are many small fires along the north fork of the Coquille River.

NEW MAN IS HEAD OF WORK

Geo. W. Finley Elected President of Forest Fire Patrol—Losses Here Slight.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Coos County Fire Patrol Association many matters of importance to timber owners in this locality were taken up and passed upon. The board of directors of this association is composed of L. J. Simpson, A. W. Rees, A. H. Powers, A. E. Adelsperger and E. H. Cheney, all of whom are heavy timber owners in this locality.

A. E. Adelsperger is the secretary of the association and has general supervision of the work. Mr. Adelsperger is the superintendent of the C. A. Smith Timber Company and has had many years' experience in this line of work.

When seen last night Mr. Adelsperger stated that while there are a number of small forest fires this year they have as yet done very little damage, being confined principally to the old logging works and burned-over lands. The only heavy damage which has been reported is the burning of about twenty acres in the southwestern part of Douglas county.

"During the past week this association has doubled their crew of fire wardens and from time to time they send out special men to fight small fires in different localities.

"Owing to the damage which might occur special precautions should be taken by hunters, ranchers and all others who go out into the woods to see that all fires are put out before leaving them, as more destructive fires are reported from this source alone than from any other. Everyone should bear in mind the necessity of conserving our forests, as they are without question our greatest asset and should they be destroyed this community would suffer a loss from which it would be hard to recover.

"Messrs. Powers, Simpson and myself have made every effort to reduce the fire risk to a minimum, and up to date have been very successful, none of the timber of the members of the association having been destroyed, the twenty acres burned being owned by parties not in the association."

FIVE KILLED.

JEFFERSON, Mo., August 26.—Five men were killed to-day in a freight train collision on the Missouri Pacific near Blackwater.

NEW AUTO SERVICE.

I. R. Tower has engaged a regular chauffeur for his fine Buick, which he now places at the service of the public. Rates reasonable. For prompt service, phone either 34-J or 77-L.

Lyon is coming Sunday, Aug. 28th.

SAYS LOSS IS UNNECESSARY

Gifford Pinchot Thinks Congress Should Have Properly Equipped the Rangers.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, August 26.—Gifford Pinchot, in a statement issued to-day, says the loss of property and life in the recent and present forest fires was unnecessary. The disastrous results, he says, are traceable to the unpreparedness to deal with the situation. He scores the members of Congress who have opposed the appropriations for the proper equipment of the forest rangers, and in that connection names Senator Heyburn of Idaho, whose home town, Wallace, suffered serious loss; Senator Carter of Montana, and Representative Montell of Wyoming.

ROOSEVELT IS IN IOWA

Makes Speech at Ames at an Early Hour This Morning.

(By Associated Press.) AMES, Iowa, August 26.—Speeding westward, Colonel Roosevelt was not permitted to sleep late to-day. He scarcely entered Iowa when a stop was made at Marshalltown, where hundreds of citizens clamored to see the Colonel. After some delay he emerged from the rear door and delivered his first speech in what he terms the "Heart of the Nation." Roosevelt protested at the action of the photographers who brought their cameras into action. "It is an outrage to take my pictures in this garb," he declared. Roosevelt had had time only to throw a raincoat over his pajamas and slippers when called to the platform.

SELLS HIS RANCH.

Capt. W. C. Harris Disposes of Summer Farm. Capt. W. C. Harris has sold his ranch at Sumner to L. F. Price and Company of Kansas City, Mo. The purchasers are big cattle men. The Harris place is one of the best dairy ranches in the county. Mr. Price has been on the Bay for some time.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

Portland Is Still in Lead With Others Not Far Behind.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P. C.

PORTLAND, Ore., August 26.

Portland lost a game to San Francisco yesterday, but is still in the lead of the clubs, with Oakland and San Francisco close behind. The scores of yesterday's games follow: AT PORTLAND—Portland 0 2, San Francisco 3 13. AT OAKLAND—Oakland 2 7, Los Angeles 3 7. AT VERNON—Vernon 9 6, Sacramento 5 10.

GOES INSANE ON A TRAIN

Passenger Loses Mind and Shoots Two Persons Before Being Overpowered.

(By Associated Press.) ELLIS, Kan., August 26.—Harry Pugh of Niagara Falls became insane on a Pullman of the Union Pacific train near here last night and fatally shot the porter of the car named Young and a passenger named Temple of Kansas City. Both were injured trying to overpower Pugh, who had shot through the end of his berth into the smoker. The conductor and a brakeman finally overpowered the murderous passenger and he was placed in jail here. Temple, who lives in Denver, was taken from the train at Ellworth, apparently dying.

M. F. PLANT TO SAIL TOMORROW

Will Leave Coos Bay For San Francisco With Freight and Passengers.

The steamer M. F. Plant was to have sailed to-day, but there was more freight to load at North Bend than was expected and the steamer will not leave until to-morrow. The following is the list of passengers who have engaged passage: Al. Nell, Mr. Adams, Dora McKenna, Alice McKenna, B. F. Casteel, S. T. Casteel, Mrs. Morris and 4 children, J. Morris, Miss Dolly Edwards, Mrs. Casteel, Herman Larsen, Warner Ogren, Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. John Morgan, Frank Pfeiffer, L. W. Planz, Miss Etta McKenna, Mrs. Thos. Lawhorn, Miss Madge Barry, Mrs. Guy Warner, J. McKenna, P. Petterson, O. K. Hulen, Mrs. Hulen and child, Lloyd Bridges, Sid Pollack, E. V. Burgess, J. R. Walker, J. F. Flanagan, Wm. Small, D. Oregeta, Alex. Morey, C. B. Hall, Alex. Carlton, Mabel Carlton.

CREDITORS MEET.

The creditors of William J. Preston, the electrician who went into bankruptcy, held their first meeting. A. K. Peck was appointed trustee and filed a bond in the sum of \$600. The liabilities of the company are \$1,114 and the assets list at about \$400.

TWELVE DIE IN A WRECK

Train on Grand Trunk Railway Dashes Into a Pullman Coach.

(By Associated Press.) DURAND, Mich., August 26.—More than a dozen persons were killed Tuesday night on the Grand Trunk Railroad in the rear end collision near here when the eastbound passenger train No. 4 plowed through the Pullman car Nebraska on the rear end of No. 14. The fire box on No. 4 engine fell out and set fire to the wreckage and many victims were burned. Eighteen persons were asleep in the car at the time. The trains were two sections of the Montreal and Boston Express and were travelling twenty-seven minutes apart. The airbrakes went wrong on No. 14 and she stopped to fix them, the fireman being sent back with a torpedo. No. 4, however, came rushing along at forty miles an hour and ripped its way through the Pullman. The fireman declares he placed the torpedo a mile from the rear of No. 14, but the engineer of this train said he only heard one torpedo and that it was so close to No. 14 that he was unable to stop.

Read the Times Want Ads.

ESTIMATES VARY AS TO THE NUMBER OF DEAD IN BIG FIRE

WILL BUILD A NEW ROAD

Harriman System to Have Branch From Grants Pass to Crescent City.

A new railroad is to be built by officials of the Harriman system. The Portland Telegram has the following to say regarding the new road:

J. P. O'Brien, C. G. Sutherland and James G. Wilson to-day filed articles of incorporation with the County Clerk for the Grants Pass & Western Railroad Company. The object of the new incorporation is the construction and operation of a line of railroad and a telegraph system from a point connecting with the Oregon & California Railroad at or near Grants Pass, or some practicable route in a general southwesterly direction to Crescent City, Cal. The company is given the power of issuing bonds and making loans for the financing of the project. The capital stock is \$500,000 and the principal place of business is Portland.

This move by the vice-president and general manager of the Harriman system of the Northwest reveals his motive in that hair-raising automobile tour over the rugged Coast Range from Grants Pass to Crescent City with Traffic Manager R. B. Miller some months ago. Hitherto Mr. O'Brien has steadfastly denied that the Harriman interests were planning an invasion of that rich timbered belt between Grants Pass and Crescent City, but it now seems that there is more railroad building "in the air" for the Grants Pass & Western will not only open a rich timber belt, but will give the great fruit and other agricultural industries in the lower end of Oregon easy access to water transportation at tidewater.

There may also lurk behind this new road a plan to block the Hills from projecting a line to the Pacific Coast in that general direction, which might easily be done from Medford, the Western terminus of the Pacific & Eastern, which Hill recently bought and of which John F. Stevens is president. In addition to Vice-President and General Manager O'Brien, other incorporators are Harriman officials. Curtis G. Sutherland is Mr. O'Brien's assistant and James G. Wilson handles the corporation branch of the Harriman legal department in Portland.

REFUSED TO WASTE POWDER

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, August 26.—Regarding it as a waste of powder and money, the War Department to-day refused to grant the request of Senators Piles and Representative Humphreys of Washington that it fire its guns in the vicinity of Puget Sound simultaneously in order to produce rain in coping with the forest fires.

FIND RICH GOLD VEIN

Reported That Quartz Found in Curry County Assays \$2,000 a Ton.

There has been a rich strike of gold made in Curry county. Dr. Minges, who has returned from there, says that miners who have been working on a lead for about two years have opened a quartz vein on Pistol River, which assays \$2,000 to the ton, and which it is believed will be a big thing. The people of Curry county are quite enthusiastic over the gold find.

CALLING CARDS printed at THE TIMES office.

Believed in Some Places That Death List Reaches Two Hundred.

MANY FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN LOST.

General Situation To-Day Is Reported to Be Much Improved.

SEVENTY LOST.

(By Associated Press.) AVERY, Ida., August 26.—Head Ranger Debitt concedes the death of Ranger Halm and a party of seventy on the headwaters of the St. Joe.

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, Wash., August 26.—Telegraphic communication with St. Joe Valley have been restored, but it is not yet possible to verify the reports of the large loss of life among the fire fighters, additional to the sixty-five reported by the government officials. Supervisor Weigle has received no word of the Halm party. According to Wallace authorities, there are eighty-five in this party; Missoula says only fifteen, while Head Ranger Debitt at Avery states the number to be seventy. Debitt's crew, who have been paid off, have returned to Spokane. They declare that the story of sixty-five men who claimed they were discharged at Avery without pay was without foundation and that they were maligners and refused to work.

BODIES FOUND.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 26.—A postal card received by the Chronicle to-day dated Ponderay on August 24th, says the bodies of twenty men are at a ranch house at Tuscor, Mont., and twenty or more bodies are still in the woods.

ESTIMATE DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 26.—Estimates of the loss of life place the number of dead in the recent forest fires at more than two hundred. The list of government rangers dead now totals one hundred and will almost certainly be lengthened.

SITUATION BETTER.

(By Associated Press.) MISSOULA, Mont., August 26.—Reports received to-day by District Forester Greely from fire districts in Montana and Idaho reveal that the general situation is improved. The settlements are out of danger. No word has yet been received from Ranger Halm and his party.

A NEW FIRE.

(By Associated Press.) ST. MARIES, Idaho, August 26.—Fierce fires are raging in the forests south of the St. Joe River, in the timber owned by big corporations. On the headwaters of Marble Creek one hundred and seventy men are fighting them.

OUT OF DANGER.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., August 26.—Fires which yesterday threatened many sawmill towns in Western Washington are reported to be abating to-day and the towns are out of danger.

REVISED LIST.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., August 26.—Following is a revised list of the forest fire dead: United States forest employes, including Halm's party, 191; loggers and settlers, St. Joe Valley, 50; at Bullion Mine, 8; at Wallace, 4; at Newport, 2; at Mullin and Spokane, 4; total, 259.