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FIRE CONDITIONS IMPROVING IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

One Bad Fire Is Reported But All Others Are Under Control.

FOUR HUNDRED MEN ARE FIGHTING FLAMES.

But It Is Believed That Only a Soaking Rain Will Stop the Fire.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, August 30.—Reports to-day to the Washington Forest Fire Association indicate a generally improved condition. The only alarming fire is in the Snoqualmie district of King county, where a fifteen-mile front of almost continuous fire spreads out fanlike from Echo Lake to a point near North Bend, encircling the town of Preston. Four hundred men are fighting the fire, but it cannot be extinguished until a soaking rain comes.

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD.

(By Associated Press.) HAVRE, France, August 29.—Leon Morane beat the world's record to-day when he reached the height of 6,889 feet.

FIVE CAUGHT AT COQUILLE

Sheriff Gage and Marshal Hickam Break Up Poker Game in Office.

COQUILLE, Ore., August 30.—Walter Sin Clair, Joe Bludsoe, Frank Denison, Albert Fish and Henry Johnson were haled before the City Recorder here and fined \$25 apiece for gambling. All paid and the "little game" will probably be remembered by all of them longer than the usual one.

For some time, there have been rumors afloat here of gambling and the officers have been on the alert. Last Saturday night, Sheriff Gage got the tip that "there was something doing" in Walter Sin Clair's law office. So with Marshal Hickam and the nightwatch, he proceeded to the place and on walking in found a good game in progress. The chips were there and so no one could deny their guilt. It is likely that the "quiet games" will be much quieter in Coquille from now on.

HONOR JOHN BROWN.

Large Gathering Held to Celebrate His Defense.

(By Associated Press.) OSAWATOMIE, Kan., August 30.—At least 25,000 persons are expected here to celebrate the anniversary of John Brown's defense against the Missouri guerrillas fifty-four years ago. The celebration began to-day and to-morrow. Colonel Roosevelt will make an address dedicating to the State as a park the wooded hill side where the battle was fought.

HAS LEFT DENVER.

Roosevelt Special Started For Pueblo This Morning.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Colo., August 30.—The Roosevelt special, with the Colonel, Pritchot, Garfield and newspapermen aboard, left here for Pueblo at 7.45 A. M.

EDWIN LUND MARRIED.

Manager of Lattin Hotel Weds Miss Lillie Burns. Edwin K. Lund and Miss Lillie Burns were married Saturday night. Rev. Mr. Zugg officiating. Mr. Lund is quite well known here and is the manager of the Lattin Hotel.

FIRES CAN BE PREVENTED

A. H. Powers Gives Some Pointers Regarding Carelessness in Woods.

"Most of the forest fires that we have had in Coos county were due to carelessness of hunters or ranchers," said A. H. Powers of the Smith-Powers Logging Company, in speaking of the recent fire troubles. Said Mr. Powers:

"We are particularly fortunate in this county not to have had more severe fires, and the timber loss has been practically nothing. The fires were in the underbrush and smaller timber, but the big trees were not damaged. The bark is so thick that if the fire runs through the timber it is not damaged. The heavy fogs here are a great preventative and this county stays much greener than other localities, so I think that the timber is as safe in Coos county as it is in any part of the world where timber is owned.

"What fires we have had have been due to carelessness and have made it necessary to go to great expense in fighting the spread of the flames. For example, the thoughtless action of a hunter who was going through the timber made a fire which we had to fight with thirty men for several days. Most people do not understand about the woods, and young men who go out hunting and make camps do not realize the danger. If a fire is to be made the vegetation should be dug away so that the fire is on hard ground. There is a thick collection of vegetation on the ground in the woods. It has been collecting for years and is like peat. When a hunter starts a fire on top of this vegetation he is starting something he cannot stop. He may pour water on the fire and think he has put it out, but the vegetation burns like peat and the fire spreads out from the sides and soon has become something serious. In fighting the fires the only thing to do is to back fires and to dig ditches, getting down below the vegetation. In different localities this peat on the ground will burn from one to two feet in depth.

"It can, therefore, be seen that hunters should take great care. I feel safe in saying that eighty per cent of the fires in this county this year were due to the carelessness of the hunters. They do not mean to do harm, but not knowing any better they start the fire which costs many dollars to combat and endangers one of our valuable resources.

"The farmers are also careless in many cases. They get a permit to burn over a field and often let the fire get away from them and something bad is started. It would be better for the farmers to burn their fields earlier in the season when they can control the fires than to wait until everything is dry. I am glad that the Governor has ordered that no more permits to start fires can be given out by the wardens, for everything is now certainly too dangerous for farmers to try to burn their fields.

"Another great danger is the manner in which brush is allowed to accumulate along the highways. When weeds and brush are cut the waste is piled up along the side of the road and when it gets dry it is only a nest for a fire. Persons passing along the road may drop a match or lighted cigar and great damage may follow. I believe that the County Commissioners and road supervisors should have their attention called to this matter. When clearing is done the trash should be piled up and burned and then there is no danger of it starting a fire later in the fall when everything gets dry.

"While we do not have the trouble here that they do in some places and while the danger is not nearly so great, yet we must be very careful. Our timber is one of the big resources of the county and we must protect it.

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RAILROAD MAN SHOT

Special Agents of Northern Pacific Have a Duel With Pistols.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PAUL, Minn., August 30.—C. P. Welsh, a discharged special agent of the Great Northern, entered the office of Chief Special Agent A. G. Ray to-day and fired five shots at the latter and missed him each time. Ray then shot Welsh dead.

CHOLERA APPEARS.

(By Associated Press.) KIEV, Russia, August 30.—Cholera made its appearance here in a single night, so it is officially reported. BERLIN, Germany, August 30.—Five suspected cases of cholera were discovered in Berlin to-day.

A MIGHTY MAN SPEAKS OUT

Evangelist Lyon Tells of Great Man Who Refused to Be Muffled.

(By Rev. G. LeRoy Hall.) TABERNACLE PROGRAM. TO-NIGHT. 8 P. M., Mr. Lyon speaks on "The New, Old Christianity." WEDNESDAY. 10 A. M., Cottage Meetings. 3 P. M., Mr. Lyon will speak on "The Story of a Great Revival." 8 P. M., Evening Service.

Evangelist Lyon spoke to a very attentive audience last evening at the tabernacle. In his earnest presentation of truth the evangelist has already proven his ability as a specialist in his work. Mr. Lyon spoke on the text: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord; Make His Paths Straight," an utterance of John the Baptist to the men of his own day. He said in part:

"It makes little difference what a man's message is, for that is not all; if he himself is not the man back of his message, his message will have little effect. John the Baptist was a great man with a great message, but he was first a great man. A man sent of God could not fail being a great man and having a great message.

The Man. "His greatness consisted first in his humility. Preachers to-day do not seem to consider this as an avenue to greatness. They desire the praise and popular consideration of the people. Men are constantly judging themselves by others. I asked a man, 'Are you a Christian?' He replied, 'Oh, I am not a churchman, but see here, I'm as good as Mr. B. and look at him, he is one of your Christians.' Bless you, if God judged us by our fellow men, he would not think much of us. John the Baptist was humble in that he was able to contrast his own littleness with the greatness of Christ. He said of Him, 'He must increase, but I must decrease.' I say to you, my friends, that Jesus Christ is the man and the only one by which you are to measure yourselves.

"His greatness was manifested again in his unselfishness. He could get happiness out another's success. Gypsy Smith once said to Dr. Torrey, 'I believe I have reached the point where I can rejoice with you in your success as much as in my own.' John said of Christ, 'I am not worthy to loose the latchet of his shoes,' and he forgot himself in his eagerness to point out to me the Christ. The shortest sermon ever delivered was delivered by this man when he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God,' and it got results.

"John was a great man in that he was dead in earnest and full of courage. You know many want to be a 'bright and shining light' in the world

NEW DREDGE FOR COOS BAY

Engineers Are Preparing For the Building of a \$350,000 Machine.

PORTLAND, Ore., August 29.—Major Morrow and Assistant Engineer Polhemus went to Astoria to look over the dredge Clatsop, with a view of making plans and specifications along her lines for a new dredge for Coos Bay. Specifications for the new dredge will be made right away. \$350,000 having been appropriated for the construction of the dredge, and \$50,000 for its maintenance.

EMPEROR TRAVELING.

(By Associated Press.) FRIEDBERG, Hesse, August 30.—Emperor Nicholas and Empress Alexandra of Russia arrived here safely at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

HAWLEY WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Congressman to Be Present at a Meeting at Chamber of Commerce.

A public meeting has been called at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to-night when Congressman Hawley will be present. He wrote to friends in this city that he would be here to speak this evening and asked that a gathering be arranged so that he could appear before the people and discuss the harbor question and other matters which interest the Coos Bay people. The meeting is a public one and everyone is invited to attend and hear what the Congressman has to say about Coos Bay.

to-day, but I tell you that if you shine you must burn. So many want to shine, but they are afraid to burn. John Baptist was fearless. He pointed out to Herod his sin. He was no policy man. It cost him his head in the end, but his courage shines to this day. I want to tell you that I did not come to this city to please people. I came here to please Christ and to point out sin. I'd rather wheel my trunk to the boat and pay my own expenses back to Chicago than compromise conscience.

The Message. "It was a message of preparation. Did they need it? What was the condition? There was the wickedness of the nobility. There was the high-minded political Herod to deal with. Pontius Pilot, the policy plutocrat, stood to represent the desires of the populace. It was a wicked era. It was a message to the nation, as well as a personal message.

"We need a revival to-day in the churches. This message of John, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord,' is for us. A salvation army man once asked a man on board a train, 'Are you a Christian?' The man straightened back and said, 'Well, I'd have you know, sir, that I'm a professor in a theological seminary.' 'Well,' said the worker, 'it makes no difference if you are; God loves you and wants to save you just the same.' 'I say to you, prepare the way. This is a personal word to you. What can you do in your own life to prepare? I say, first forsake sin. Either sin will keep us from the Bible or the Bible will keep us from sin. In the last place surrender, unconditional and absolute. Let Him have His way in your life and your life will be used to prepare His coming.'

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS.

Meetings will be held in the following homes on Wednesday morning from 10 to 10.30: F. R. Zugg, on Fourth street, with Rev. Zugg as leader. Mrs. Wheeler, on Tenth street. Mrs. A. J. Drews, 663 Eleventh street. Mrs. G. F. Dillon, Seventh and Ingersol. Mrs. Morrison, Bunker Hill.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS KILLED BY HIS BROTHER OFFICER

LOOKING FOR MURDERER

Officials Are Searching For Man Who Killed Captain of Buckman.

The United States marshal at San Francisco has written City Marshal Carter asking him to be on the lookout for the man who murdered Capt. Wood of the steamer Buckman and who was one of two who attempted to hold up the vessel when she was nearly opposite the mouth of the Umpqua River. The two men were Frank Edward Wood and George W. Wise. Wood shot and killed the captain of the vessel and then jumped overboard. The marshal states that he was probably drowned, but it is thought possible that he might have been picked up by some passing vessel, or as he had on a life preserver, might have reached shore or his body have been washed in. Carter is asked to arrest the man if he should turn up and that there is a warrant charging him with murder.

Wood was born in Chicago. His description is given as follows: Age, 29 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 145 pounds; blue eyes, light brown hair and ruddy complexion. Several marks on the body are given by which the man could be positively identified. He went by several other names, among them Pence West, Fred Thomas and French H. West.

TAKEN UP THE RIVER.

Dredge Is Ready to Improve the Channel of Coos River.

The dredge which is to be used in clearing Coos River was taken up the river yesterday. The purpose of the work is to be met by the government appropriation, which was made for the purpose. Roy Rozell will have charge of the work and will be assisted by seven men. The dredge has been overhauled and the machinery repaired. It was necessary to send to Portland for some of the new parts of the machinery and the starting of the work was delayed until the machinery was received. Rozell will keep the dredge at work until high tides in the winter make it impossible to operate.

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

Stockholders of Title Guarantee and Abstract Company in Session.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Title Guarantee and Abstract Company the following directors were elected: S. C. Rogers, William Grimes, C. A. Schibrede, R. T. Street and Henry Sengstacken. The directors elected the following officers: President and manager, Henry Sengstacken; vice-president, William Grimes; secretary and treasurer, R. T. Street.

HOTEL COMPANY MEETS.

Officers and Directors of Corporation Are Elected.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Coos Bay Hotel Company was held on August 29th, at which the following directors were elected: W. S. Chandler, J. S. Coke, William Grimes, M. C. Horton, S. C. Rogers, Carl F. Johnson and Henry Sengstacken, who then elected the following officers: President, J. S. Coke; vice-president, Wm. Grimes; secretary, Henry Sengstacken; treasurer, M. C. Horton.

SEWER NEARLY READY.

Connection Can Be Made the Latter Part of the Week. Hugh McLain, who has the contract for building the West Marshfield sewer, says that the work is progressing nicely and by the latter part of the week will be far enough advanced for the plumbers to make connections for the property along the line of the sewer.

Mysterious Shooting Takes Place This Morning at San Francisco.

DYING MAN SAID IT WAS ACCIDENT.

Officers Who Did the Shooting Is Arrested on Murder Charge.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, August 30.—As a result of a mysterious shooting early to-day, Deputy Sheriff Walter Brant is dead and Deputy Sheriff James E. Hopkins is in the city prison charged with murder. Before dying, Brant stated that Hopkins shot him accidentally.

CRIPPEN BREAKS DOWN.

Suffers Nervous Collapse and Goes to Hospital.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, August 30.—Dr. Crippen has suffered a nervous collapse and was removed to the hospital ward of Brixton jail. Crippen's counsel says he can give a satisfactory explanation of the note found in Crippen's cabin indicating that he contemplated suicide. He says the explanation will throw an entirely different light on the matter.

DAY MAKES GREAT FIGHT

Has the Best of It in Ten Rounds Draw With Soldier Berg.

(Special to The Times.) ASTORIA, Ore., August 30.—In the hardest bout ever staged in Astoria, Jess Day of Marshfield and Otto Berg, the Fort Stevens soldier, fought ten rounds to a draw last evening. Both were in the best possible condition, and in the fight every minute both men fought like demons and the honors all through were about even.

HAD BEST OF IT.

According to a telegram received this morning by George Herron from Day's manager, the Marshfield boy had the best of the fight. The telegram to Herron was as follows: "Fight went ten rounds. No decision. Jess had the better of it all the way. Did not have a mark on him but shut one of Berg's eyes and had him bleeding from the second round to the finish."

There was a good deal of local interest in the fight and it was expected by Day's friends here that he would make a good showing.

Will Fight October 24th.

Arrangements have been made to have a fight between Day and Al. Neil here on October 24th. Neil wants to meet Day again and the articles for the fight will be signed as soon as Day and his manager return.

LAKESIDE INN CLOSES.

Mrs. Olsen Will Go With Her Husband to Astoria for Winter. N. S. Olsen has returned home from a business trip to the Siuslaw, Gardiner and other points north of here. His wife, Mrs. Olsen, who has been conducting the Lakeside Inn at Ten Mile, has closed the place and will go with Mr. Olsen to Astoria, where they will make their home this winter.

I. O. O. F. TAKE NOTICE!

All members of Arago Lodge, No. 28, and their wives, are requested to meet at Taylor's Hall on Wednesday evening, August 31st, to welcome the Grand Master. All visiting members and their wives are cordially invited. Ladies admitted at 8.45. By order of the N. G. L. R. HUGHES, Chr. of Com.