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Forest Fires Raging Throughout the State

A pall of smoke is hanging over the valley at present, and comes from forest fires in neighboring points. Bad fires are reported burning in nearly every county in the state, especially where timber is standing and where slashings have dried out. In Skiskiyou county over in California reports state that twenty-four fires have been combatted within the past ten days. About 2400 acres have been burned over, and late reports state that two fires are still uncontrolled at Whisky creek and Silver creek.

Other sections of the state are being visited by terrific conflagrations. A new blaze sprang up at Roaring river, southwest of Mount Hood, which promises to reach large proportions, and the flames on upper Eagle creek, Fall creek and Little creek east of LaGrande are still uncontrolled. Several hundred men are engaged in fighting the fire in the various forest reserves.

A blaze which was supposed to have been completely under control, has again broken out on Roaring river and threatens hundreds of acres in that section. This fire originally started about two weeks ago

and burned over about 2000 acres before it was controlled.

The fire at the head of Eagle creek is still out of control of the forest service officials, although fifty men are fighting the flames. Another serious fire in the Oregon forest is at Green Point creek, west of Hood river, where more than 500 acres have already been burned over.

In the Cascade forests all the serious fires are reported under control. About 800 acres of valuable timber had been burned over. At Salmon creek for a time 1500 acres of artificial planting seemed doomed, but this fire is reported under control. From last reports the fighters state that they hope the two major fires are under control. On Dry creek 70 acres have been burned over, while a blaze at Elk creek has reached about the same proportions.

One of the most serious fires in the entire northwest is reported in the Minam forest east of LaGrande. The flames started at a sawmill on Little creek and a high wind swept the fire into the reserve where it is now burning fiercely. Five sections of forest had been burned over and 100 fire fighters seemed unable to check the flames.

Ashland Won First Prize With Float

The float put in the great parade at Klamath Falls last Friday at the Elks convention by Ashland lodge of Elks won first prize. This was a very gorgeous affair, designed by Mrs. O. Winter, and arranged by E. T. Staples. The Ashland float was designated as "Mother Ashland and Her Offspring." Ashland lodge, No. 944, is the first one of that order instituted in Southern Oregon with Medford and Klamath Falls as branches, and this idea was carried out on the float with Mrs. P. S. Provoost as "Mother Ashland," with Mrs. H. G. Enders, Jr., representing Klamath Falls, and Mrs. F. G. Swendburg representing Medford. The float was magnificently decorated with elk heads on the front and back with a stork holding a Yreka pennant drawn by Cupid, signifying that a lodge at Yreka is expected soon. Mrs. A. H. Pracht and Mrs. Charles Pierce assisted in the decorations.

Raised Phone Rate Killed By Ruling

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 21.—Reductions in the cost of telephone service connections and moving charges contained in the so-called Burleson order, now in effect throughout the state, are made in an order issued here today by the public service commission. Practically 300 telephone companies in Oregon, including all except the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and its constituent concerns are affected by the new ruling.

Henderson Hash Died of Typhoid

Henderson Hash, a resident of Ashland for many years, died at his home on Oak street Wednesday evening, August 20, at 8:45 o'clock, after an illness extending over nearly a month. Typhoid fever was the cause of his demise. Mr. Hash was 59 years of age and is survived by his wife and four children, who are: Walter, Charles and Eva of Ashland, and Mrs. F. H. Harris of Juneau, Alaska.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Free Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Elva Hobart. Rev. Rhoda Burnett of Medford, former minister of this church, will preach the sermon, and interment will be made in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Louis Pankey of Prospect and daughter, Mrs. David Sargent of Klamath Falls were guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. O. Winter on the Boulevard.

Original Auto-Camp Becoming Popular

Ashland's auto-camp is becoming famed throughout the coast country, where tourists are spending the summer and are traveling along the various highways that mark the pleasure resorts. The following comment on the local park is quoted from a Spokane paper of recent date:

Ashland's Lithia park automobile camp, the "original" auto-camp of the Pacific coast, has come into its own this summer. The fame of the spacious and comfortable camp under the shady timber along Ashland creek has been spread by every visitor until now the tourist begins to hear of Ashland's camp and park as soon as he reaches California or Oregon, and often much further away.

An average of from 25 to 50 cars are now at the camp nightly. During the Ashland Hiyu Hebe celebration 300 auto campers were cared for in the park.

The auto camp is so attractive that fully two-thirds of the campers, most of whom intended to stay only over night, lengthen their stay into one and two days and many for as long as two weeks. Ashland is fast becoming headquarters for scores of side trips, such as to Mount Ashland, Lake of the Woods, Marble Caves of Oregon, many fine fishing streams and lakes, good hunting and dozens of valley and mountain drives within three hours' drive of the auto camp.

Capt. Sperbeck Visits in Ashland

Captain Frank Sperbeck of the Philippine Islands, with his wife and 15-year-old daughter, arrived here last week and spent a couple of days at the home of Mrs. Laura Allen. The captain and his family left the Philippines May 8, and arrived in San Francisco the latter part of June. Since that time they have been taking an extended automobile tour through Northern California, to Klamath Falls, through Eastern Oregon and north to Seattle, Wash. They returned over the Pacific highway, and will go to San Jose where the daughter will enter school.

While in the Philippines Captain Sperbeck was a personal friend of Mrs. Allen's son, First Lieutenant William Allen, and he came this way to inform the mother in regard to her son, who, he states, is getting along nicely. He thinks it quite possible that Lieutenant Allen will return to the United States in another year.

Mrs. S. J. Irwin came from Santa Cruz, Calif., Thursday and will spend a few days in this vicinity looking after business matters.

Strahorn Seeks to Raise R. R. Funds

Robert E. Strahorn, president and general manager of the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad, this week filed application in the offices of the state corporation commissioner for permission to issue and float bonds in the sum of \$550,000 with which to resume construction work on the line extending from Klamath Falls to Bend.

The railroad proposed by Mr. Strahorn already is completed from Klamath Falls to Dairy, a distance of about 20 miles, and upon completion will have connections with the Nevada, California & Oregon at Lakeview, Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls, D. W. R. & N. and Oregon Trunk at Bend and the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific at Burns.

In submitting his application to Corporation Commissioner Schulerman, Mr. Strahorn said, it was essential that construction work on the road should be resumed as quickly as possible for the reason that approximately 700 carloads of cattle already are awaiting shipment over the line, in addition to the product of more than 20 mills, most of which are now in operation.

The road is being constructed in units, and upon completion will cover a distance of about 400 miles. Surveys have been made over the entire route, according to information received here, and in the event Mr. Strahorn's application is approved work will be resumed in the near future.

The estimated cost of the road, under present conditions, was not given in the application, although it is known that the expense of construction will be much greater than that part of the line built prior to the outbreak of the war.

Road Cleared But Detour Is Good

GRANTS, Ore., Aug. 21.—The Pacific highway to California from Grants Pass is closed, but a fair detour turns past the Western hotel to the town of Rogue River from Sixth street. The greater part of this detour is fairly good with some rough dusty portions. At Rogue River it is best not to cross the river, but continue on to Gold Hill on the same side and there cross over, following the road to right until opposite the city of Central Point, where the pavement for Ashland is found via Medford.

An auto park is maintained at Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Medford and Ashland. The park at Ashland is rarely passed by the experienced traveler and has the reputation of being the finest on the highway, it being equipped with gas, water, etc., and in a beautiful forest park.

Residents Petition Against Station

Petitions for and against the resolution granting the Standard Oil company permission to establish a district wholesale distributing station in Ashland came before the members of the city council at their regular meeting last Tuesday night. The petition against the station being established in that section of the city was signed by residents of adjacent streets who claim that the station will constitute a menace to life and property. A number of property owners in that vicinity have signed a petition favoring the new project. Council will act finally on the resolution at a called meeting tonight.

Band Concert This Evening in Park

Prof. Applehoff, leader of the Ashland band, announces an open air concert to be held in Lithia Park tonight, Friday. During the past month a number of the members of the band have been out of town on their vacations and it has been impossible to get enough together to give a first-class concert, but at the present time Prof. Applehoff will try and secure sufficient players to entertain the people tonight.

Cliff Payne makes screens.

Gold Hill Girl Drowned in River

Velma Davidson of Gold Hill, 19 years of age, while bathing in the Columbia river at Forest Hall, near Crown Point, Tuesday, gave her life in an attempt to rescue a companion bather, Lloyd Goff of Portland.

Miss Davidson and young Goff both were employed at Forest Hall. Tuesday afternoon they went for a swim about a half mile from the tavern in company with George Lord who lives at Bridal Veil. Lord and Miss Davidson could both swim, but Goff was inexperienced in the water.

Lord, according to reports from Forest Hall, warned Goff to stay near the shore and close to his companions. They had left the water and were starting back to Forest Hall when Goff decided to take another plunge. Before his companions realized his danger he had got in the current of the river and beyond his depth.

Lord first attempted to rescue him, but the struggling boy grasped him and almost pulled him under. When Lord saw that they were both in danger of drowning he managed to release himself and regained the shore. Despite warning from Lord Miss Davidson then attempted a rescue. Goff clung to her, and the two went down together.

As soon as help could arrive the bodies were recovered. A physician had been summoned from Bridal Veil, but it was impossible to resuscitate them.

Miss Davidson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davidson of Gold Hill. She comes from a prominent southern Oregon family and her father is road supervisor for his district. The girl attended Gold Hill high school.

Eagle Point Wants Service Improved

Two hundred patrons of the Eagle Point postoffice have sent a petition to Congressman W. C. Hawley, protesting against the present mail service, and asking her immediate relief from what is characterized as "unsatisfactory."

The petition sets forth that despite the increase in business at the Eagle Point office, the service has been decreased. The chief complaint is that the people receive today's mail tomorrow, though within easy distance of Medford, the distributing point. The mail auto now leaves Medford at 9:30 a. m. This is the only mail and deprives Eagle Point of daily Portland papers. Up to June 30 they received two mails daily, and the petition asks that this service be restored, with the addition of a mail Sunday forenoon.

Teachers Attend Training School

About 30 teachers are taking advantage of the training school now in session in the Grants Pass high school. This is the third year the training school has been held here and this season a more definite plan has been followed than in any previous year. Superintendent Alice M. Bacon has organized and planned the work with the special needs of the rural communities in mind, and it is her earnest desire that the rural schools of the county be made more efficient and interesting that the children in these districts may approach more nearly the advantages of those who receive their training in the city schools.—Courier.

Officer Accused Of Leaving Fire

Deputy Federal Attorney Elton Watkins filed information Wednesday, charging that State Insurance Commissioner A. C. Barber failed to extinguish a fire in the Santiam National forest on July 22. Barber is himself a fire marshal with power to enforce the law against offenders.

The act is alleged to have occurred when Barber was reported lost. Barber later denied being lost, but a forest ranger declared he found Barber lost and exhausted.

Mexico Objects to U.S. Troops Entry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Mexican ambassador here has been instructed by his government to protest to the state department against the dispatch of American troops across the border and to request their withdrawal, according to a statement issued at Mexico City yesterday.

The statement as received here today said:

"Two aviators of the army of the United States, through error, so they state, flew over our territory, landing approximately 112 kilometers to the south of the frontier, where they were captured by a band of twenty bandits. They have now been liberated.

"Some troops of the eighth cavalry of the United States crossed the frontier in pursuit of the outlaws. The department of foreign relations gave instructions at once to our embassy in Washington to make appropriate representations, protesting and requesting the immediate withdrawal of the invading troops."

It was said at the state department that no protest had been made by Ambassador Bonillas.

MARFA, Texas, Aug. 21.—As soon as it was sufficiently light this morning to follow the trails the American punitive expedition in Mexico took up the bandit chase for the third day across the border. One column picked up the hot trail of two bandits believed to have been companions of the two bandits captured late yesterday by Captain Leonard Matlack.

By sunrise airplanes left the ground here for Presidio, 60 miles south, where a flying field base for the expedition has been established.

The work of the aviators is considered extremely dangerous, because there are few landing fields in Mexico. It is necessary to fly close to the ground, where the bandits may fire on the aviators as they fly Tuesday. Fliers returning long after dark last night to headquarters here reported many narrow escapes.

When the fliers left this morning they carried news bulletins furnished by the Associated Press, which they planned to drop for each cavalry troop operating in Mexico, to give them news of the outside world since they crossed the border.

Visiting Editor Enjoyed Dinner

One of the ineffaceable and happy memories that will be carried home by the eastern editors who were in attendance at the annual session of the National Editorial association this year will be of the splendid dinner which was served to them in the beautiful Lithia park at Ashland last Tuesday evening. This bountiful dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of Ashland and sponsored by the commercial organizations of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass. It was an "Oregon products" dinner, many of the viands being supplied by the Oregon manufacturers thereof, as a compliment to the eastern visitors, and included a long list of products as well as fresh vegetables and fruits of southern Oregon growth—which means the best in the world. All was daintily prepared and elegantly and generously served.

The visitors had just returned from that world wonder, Crater Lake, where they spent the previous night, and after the long ride in the open air sharpened appetites added zest to the enjoyment of the feast. This, together with the announcement that the special train was to leave soon for Portland with the party, caused the post prandial oratory to be brief, pointed and witty. The visitors were accompanied by Crater Lake by Governor and Mrs. Olcott, President Ingalls, Acting Secretary E. E. Brodie, Past President Albert Tozier and other members of the Oregon Editorial association. The visitors voiced only unbounded praise for this scenic wonder. They also expressed universal appreciation for the splendid hospitality accorded to them while in Oregon.—L. Wimberly in the Roseburg Review.

Editors End Road Convention Tuesday

American newspaper men and women, attending the 1919 "road convention" of the National Editorial association, Tuesday reached the official end of their journey. At Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, the farthest western point on their travels, the delegates held their final session, elected Edward Albright of Gallatin, Tenn., president; selected Boston for the 1920 meeting and passed a number of resolutions.

The delegates started home via Vancouver Tuesday night. Their train, the Victoria Special, will carry them back to Winnipeg, stopping at Lake Louise, Banff and other Canadian Rocky mountain points.

In the resolutions adopted the association endorsed the zone system of mail distribution, declared in favor of immediate ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment and urged that living costs be readjusted.

May's Resignation Not Yet Received

The resignation of Colonel John L. May as commander of the Third Oregon infantry, Oregon National Guard, has not yet been received by Adjutant General Conrad Staffin, but is expected to come shortly. Companies B and F of Portland, D of Medford and M of Salem, which have not yet qualified for federalization, will be ready to qualify in two or three days, General Staffin said this week, and the regiment of 15 companies will then be complete. The 15 companies include a machine gun company, a headquarters company and a supply company.

The four companies that have been holding the regiment back were unable to qualify because they lacked qualified commanding officers. Qualified men have been assigned to them by the adjutant general. Upon the resignation of Colonel May the captains and majors will call an election and choose a commanding officer for the regiment.

Auto Trucks Being Used in Road Work

Jackson county has received from the government, through the state highway commission at Salem, a large motor truck to be used in hauling gravel to repair county roads. The first work will be on the Crater Lake road near Prospect, which has been in bad shape owing to heavy traffic. Work will start this week, as the tourist travel to the scenic wonder is now at its height.

Playground Course Finished This Week

Miss Josephine Goldstaub, the supervisor for the children's playground, has finished her two months' work in the Ashland park and will leave for her home in Portland. It was the intention of the committee in charge of the playground to keep Miss Goldstaub until the first of September, but the latter's brother has recently returned from military service in France and Germany and will only be at his home in Portland for a few days before returning to New York, so she asked to be released at this time.

The children of the city have had an exceptionally good summer at the playgrounds, thanks to the efficient service given them by Miss Goldstaub, who has played with and entertained them every day, and has trained them in many athletic sports that has been extremely beneficial to them. She has also conducted classes in sewing and embroidery among the older girls and was intending to give an exhibit of their work had she remained here until September 1.