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REPORTS STILL COME OF BLACKENED HOMES AND HORRIBLE DEATHS

Other States Have Got Their Burning Timber -- Colorado and Wyoming Follow the Western Lead.

Three Hundred Miles of Fine Timber in Ashes--Government Employees Fighting the Flames--Enormous Damage But Loss of Life is Small.

KALAMA, Wash., Sept. 16.—At Murray, seven miles above Woodland, the bodies of 15 victims of the Lewis river fire were buried today. They were: O. Reed, Mrs. Eva Reed, and three children. Mrs. John Polly, child, and brother. Mrs. Graves, C. A. McKeen, Mrs. Agnes McKeen, and child. Geo. W. Smith, wife and child. The body of W. E. Newhouse, who was previously lost, has been found. It was reported, but not confirmed, that 17 bodies have been found on the Clark county side of the river, their names unknown. The fire has practically died out and the relief parties are taking in food and clothing with pack horses. Most of the sufferers have congregated at Murray, where the supplies are being distributed.

POOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY. OREGON CITY, Sept. 16.—Danger in the shape of fires is still hovering over Clackamas county. Just above Viola the flames are slowly creeping through the timber and only one another gust of wind is needed to fan them into a fury. It is probable that the timber loss in Clackamas county will not fall short of half a million dollars. The farmers will lose an additional two hundred thousand.

EXTENSIVE BLAZES IN WYOMING AND COLORADO. Fire is Raging on Boundary Line—Both Governors Are Active.

CHEYENE, Wyo., Sept. 16.—Governor Richards has been informed by telephone from Grand Encampment that for many miles along the Wyoming-Colorado line north of Pear, Colo., a furious forest fire is raging, devastating everything in its path. Every effort to subdue the flames has been made without effect. Governor Richards immediately communicated with Governor Orman, of Colorado, and arranged for both to send a telegram to the secretary of the interior, asking for aid.

According to the latest reports, there are at least 18 serious forest fires burning in Wyoming, to say nothing of smaller ones and brush fires. There are three fires in Southern Albany county that are destroying great swathes of fine pine timber in the Medicine Bow range and are threatening mining buildings. The government sent a force of fire fighters under a supervisor to look after these blazes last week, but the men quit, claiming they were under-paid, and the efforts to check the flames are now confined to individuals. Although 100 miles away from Cheyenne, the smoke from these fires obscures the sky here and the odor of burning wood is noticeable.

The three fires in Southern Carbon county which the government has been fighting for two weeks, still burn fiercely. A government agent with a large force of men is on the ground, but is reported to be making but little progress.

Five or more fires are burning in Fremont county and more than 200 miles of magnificent timber land is already in ashes. The largest of the fires is terrific and nothing that the settlers can do has any effect on its sweep.

In Central Uintah county a fire, small in comparison to the others, is burning, and in the Jackson Hole country, two big blazes are eating the timber in the game country. Further east, in the Shoshone reservation, a fire, the magnitude of which is not known, has been burning for weeks.

In Natrona county a good-sized fire has been destroying timber for the past 10 days. One big fire threatens the timber of the Big Horn mountains, and there is no report of any effort having been made to check its progress. The fire on the Grey Bull was furious for several days, but it is believed to have spent its fury.

DENVER FIRE REPORTS. DENVER, Sept. 16.—But little progress toward checking the forest fires in different sections of this state is being made. At the head of Chicago creek the fire is again beyond control. A vast scope of territory has been burned over and it is feared the towns along Clear Creek will experience a shortage of water in consequence due to the fact that the fire has destroyed the protection to the snow beds which were the source of the water supply for Clear Creek.

United States Forest Supervisor Henry Michelson who is conducting the fight against the fire in the neighborhood of Caselo, at the head of Platt Canon, called upon the mining companies in that vicinity for assistance in fighting the flames, and men were dispatched with complete equipment to aid the government in fighting the flames. This fire has been burning for several weeks and has destroyed much valuable timber. Several summer residences are in danger.

The Estes Park fires are burning slowly, but stubbornly resist all efforts of the settlers to quench them. Great clouds of smoke hang like a pall over the mountain and are plainly visible six miles away. The fires in the neighborhood of Eldorado have destroyed an immense quantity of rich timber. But little damage to property from any of the fires in this state and as yet no loss of life has been reported.

BIG STEEL COMBINE. Nearly Three Billions of English Capital Will Control English Market.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The Daily Mail declares this morning that after many months of secret negotiation, there has been formed an association of the leading British steel manufacturers for the purpose of controlling prices and the regulation of the output. The firms alleged to have entered the association include the Barrow Hematite Steel Company, Ltd.; Bickow, Vaughn & Co., Ltd.; Guest, Keen & Co., of Donalms and Cardiff; Crawshaw Bros., of Merthyr-Tydvil; the Mossbay Hematite Iron and Steel Co., Ltd.; Charles Cammel & Co., Ltd.; the North-western Steel Company, Ltd.; and the Rymer Iron Co., with an aggregate of capital roughly estimated at £30,000,000, not counting large debenture issues.

PERHAPS EARLY ELECTION. NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Lord Londonderry has caused a flutter in the political dove-cotes by reference to the possibility of an early general election, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. Lord Londonderry is not a man of much activity in the political world, but as a cabinet member he should know something about Premier Balfour's intention. The autumn session of parliament is certain to be a lively one and Mr. Balfour will have to place confidence in the discipline and devotion of his supporters.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Senators Hanna, Spooner, Allison, Aldrich and Lodge and Postmaster General Paine spent several hours with President Roosevelt and discussed the entire political situation, having special reference to conditions of the Western states, which the president is to visit. The parties to the conference were very reticent, but it can be stated that it was decided to make no attempt to revise the tariff at the

coming session of congress. That the president is to maintain his position as to trusts and that he is to insist on his demand for reciprocity with Cuba.

DELAWARE DEMOCRATS. DOVER, Del., Sept. 16.—The Democratic state convention nominated the following ticket: Congress—Henry A. Houston. State Treasurer—Joseph H. Hosinger. Auditor—J. T. Lowe. The contest hinged on the nomination to congress, Houston defeating Ex-Congressman Handy by two votes. Because of the split in the Republican ranks, the Democratic leaders claim to be able to elect their congressional candidate in November, and consequently there was a scramble for the nomination.

BAD MEAT WAS PLENTIFUL. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—The partly decayed meat which had been treated chemically to hide its condition, sausages containing potato flour, unhealthy kidneys ground up, and other adulterations were sold in St. Louis and other large cities of the country by the packers' trust, according to the testimony given by Thomas L. O'Sullivan, the meat and livestock inspector in St. Louis, in the beef trust investigation.

ALL LIFE DESTROYED. VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 16.—The steamer Higo Maru, which was sent by the Japanese government to the scene of the recent eruption at Torishama, has returned to Yokohama. According to the news brought by the steamer, the eruption had wrought a complete transformation of the island and that all the inhabitants and all animals had disappeared and no indication was left as to what had become of them.

WOOL GROWERS IN SESSION. PENDELTON, Sept. 16.—The Eastern Oregon Woolgrowers' Association met in annual session this morning. The chief business of the session was the repeal of the bounty law and the proposed Blue Mountain reserves. All counties represented in the meeting were in favor of both. Congressman Williamson gave an able address, placing himself strongly on record in the bounty law defense.

READY FOR BATTLE. MANILA, Sept. 16.—A column of troops, commanded by Brigadier-General Samuel Sumner has been delayed by rain storms, which have rendered the trails very heavy. Then general has now eleven companies of infantry, two troops of cavalry and two battalions of artillery at Camp Vicars. It is believed that he will not move on Macin for a few days.

TACOMA DEMOCRATS. TACOMA, Sept. 16.—The Democratic state convention tonight completed its business and adjourned. The following ticket was nominated by acclamation: Congress—George F. Cottrell, of King county; Stephen E. Barren, of Okanogan, and O. L. Holcomb. Judge of Supreme Court—James E. Beavis, of Yakima. United States Senator—George Turner was endorsed for re-election.

TO TEST ANTI-FUSION LAW. TOPEKA, Kas., Sept. 16.—Suit was today brought in the supreme court to compel the secretary of state and all the county clerks in Kansas to place the name of W. H. Craddock, the fusion nominee for governor, on both the Democratic and Peoples party ticket. This is to be a test suit to determine the validity of the anti-fusion law.

SPEAKER HENDERSON DECLINES NOMINATION

Finds That He is Not in Accord With the Republican Party on Tariff.

Writes a Letter to Chairman Saying That After Twenty Years Work Finds He is Not in Touch.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Sept. 16.—Speaker Henderson gave out an address this evening which starts on the trust question and says that because of the fact that his views are not in accord with the state platform and with the opinions of the prominent members of the party he declines to accept the nomination. He says being a Republican, he is a protectionist, and if he ever entertained any doubt as to the wisdom of the protection policy, comparison between the present and past would blot out such doubt.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Sept. 16.—Speaker Henderson, finding that his views in respect to the treatment of the trusts by reducing tariff in whole or in part, are not in accord with the views of many of his party in Iowa, has declined to accept the nomination for Congress and has withdrawn from the race. Speaker Henderson has addressed a letter to C. E. Allbrook, chairman, notifying the committee, which says in part:

"I believe there is a little sentiment and a growing one among the Republicans that I do not truly represent their views on the tariff question. Believing this condition to exist and knowing that I do not agree with many of my people that the trust to which I am and have been opposed can be curbed, or the people benefited by free trade in whole or in part, I must decline to accept the nomination. I have devoted 20 of the best years of my life to the service of my people and my country, and I have fought for what I believed to be the best for the farmer, the laborer, and the business interests of this district and the state. I am grateful for the devotion that has ever been accorded me and to the hour of my death I will hold in grateful heart the memory of that devotion."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch announcing that Speaker Henderson had declined to accept the congressional nomination caused a sensation in Washington.

Very few public men are in Washington at this time, but all that are here express regret that Speaker Henderson had determined on that course. The reasons leading to his action were, perhaps, as much a matter of comment as his refusal to stand for re-election. Public men acknowledge that there is a demand in sections of the West and Northwest for revision of the tariff along certain lines, notably in the case of articles whose manufacture is controlled by trusts. Their opinion is that Henderson's decision will make this more acute and it is suggested that the president is conferring at this time with the leading senators from the East and West, presumably on that very question which has forced Henderson out of line with his party in Iowa.

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