

FOREST FIRE IN MONTANA

A Conflagration Near Kalispell Threatens to Do Great Damage to Small Towns.

SKY OBSCURED FROM VIEW

Fire-Fighters Are at Work, but Force Is Totally Inadequate to Cope With the Desperate Situation.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 4.—A Miner special from Kalispell says forest fires are raging in all directions from Kalispell and great damage is being done. Telegraph communication with Columbia Falls and White Fish is cut off, and it is known that many fires are between Kalispell and these towns in the timber. It cannot be definitely stated the amount of damage, though the sum will run into the thousands of dollars.

It has been reported here by people returning from White Fish that church buildings and three residences had been burned as a result of forest fires getting to the town and that the frame work at the brickyards had burned. It is thought that the main portion of the town will not be burned unless a very high wind should set in. The fire on both sides of the railroad track leading from White Fish to Columbia Falls is raging fiercely.

Travel to the town of White Fish was cut off Tuesday night by the fire in the heavy timber along the road for several miles. Another large fire started near Dayton creek, doing great damage to the pine timber in that section.

Great clouds of smoke made their appearance Tuesday night and this morning so much smoke was in the sky as to obliterate the bright sun, and one could not see a distance of three miles in any direction. Reports received are that fires are raging in all directions and on Tuesday evening 14 distinct fires could be traced north-east and west of Kalispell. Word was just received that one rancher who lives near White Fish had all his buildings and grain destroyed by fire and that he and his family barely escaped from the burning furnace.

The whole side of the mountain west of Kalispell was on fire. Forest Supervisor Haines and his force are doing all they can to fight the fire, but his force of men is inadequate to cope with the situation and the fires will burn until a good rain sets in, which is not likely to occur for some days.

Returning to England.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 4.—The steamer Mowera arrived from Sydney, Australia, last night. Among the passengers was the earl of Ranfurly, who is returning to England on the expiration of his term as governor of New Zealand. He is succeeded by Lord Plunkett.

The Mowera brings news of the terrific storm on July 19, on the southern Australia coast, which paralyzed all shipping for awhile. Heavy and beneficent rains have fallen in New South Wales.

Turns Asbestos Into Cloth.

Orange, N. J., Aug. 4.—It is claimed by a resident of this place that he has invented a perfect process to convert asbestos rock into a beautiful silky, fibre, capable of being spun into a cloth similar to silk. He alleges the process is adapted especially to the manufacture of fine dress goods. Besides being moth proof, it is said the new material is entirely fireproof.

DEMOCRATIC HYPOCRISY.

One of the first things a democratic convention usually does is to prepare a platform which the factions of the organization may interpret to suit the sentiment in different sections of the country. The St. Louis platform illustrates the convenience of this arrangement by leaving out the money question, so that orators in the silver-loving states may insist that the silver question is still an issue, while those in the east may indulge in rejoicing over the party's return to the republican principle of sound money. Akin to this style of specious deception is the hypocritical attitude of the party with relation to its former allies, the populists. Eastern democratic organs are becoming hoarse through their fervid declarations that the party has finally rid itself of the blight of populism and they profess to believe that the opposition of the populists is preferable to their friendship. That is the democratic program in the east where

the populist vote has never been large and has never been a deciding factor in elections. It is a popular thing for the democrats in New York and the New England states to denounce the populists, but it is a very different proposition in the west.

While the eastern democrats are rejoicing over their alleged divorce from populism, the democrats of the Mississippi valley country and the Rocky Mountain region are singing a different tune. Nebraska democrats are trying to arrange a fusion with their old allies. The South Dakota democrats have already opened the way for a fusion ticket with the populists and a determined effort is being made both in Kansas and Colorado to get another campaign combination on between the allies who went to defeat in opposition to republicans in 1896, and again in 1900. Every democrat who is at all familiar with political conditions in the west knows that without the support of the populists the democratic party has no more chance of carrying any western state than it has of carrying Massachusetts or Vermont. It was the populist vote that gave Cleveland Illinois and Wisconsin in 1892, and which gave Bryan Kansas, Colorado and other western states in 1896. The republicans have been fighting populist principles all the years that the democrats have been espousing them. The democratic party in the west is just as much a populist party as it has been for the last 12 years, and its success would spell triumph for the populist principles which have been repudiated at the polls. Thousands of both populists and democrats in the west will vote the republican ticket this year because they are satisfied with President Roosevelt's administration and the republican party's progressive principles and because they are disgusted with the democratic party's confession of incompetency to manage its own affairs, let alone handling the business of the nation. The democratic managers know that they can not win in the west without the populist support and their criticisms of the populists is just another way of hanging out their signal of distress.

Eggs Stuffed With Ham.

Boil fresh eggs 20 minutes, then drop into cold water; when cool remove the shells, cut in two and take out the yolks without breaking the whites; keep the two parts of each egg together; rub the yolks to a cream with melted butter; add a tablespoonful of boiled ham, minced fine, and season with salt, pepper and a bit of made mustard; fill the whites with this mixture, put the halves together, fasten with wooden toothpicks and wrap each egg in waxed paper; this filling may be varied by using tongue instead of ham, minced olives, fine chopped chow-chow, minced mushrooms or capers.

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WANTED—Wants for the want column of the Morning Astorian.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given, that up to the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1904, the committee on Public Property of the common council of the City of Astoria, at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge therein, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a City Hall for the City of Astoria according to the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and ordinance number 2953 of said city providing for the time and manner of constructing said City Hall. The bids must be accompanied with a certified check of the bidder payable to the Auditor and Police Judge or order, in five per cent of the amount bid, to be forfeited to the City of Astoria in case the bid shall be accepted and the bidder shall fail to enter into contract within three days from notice of said acceptance. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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Committee on Public Property of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.

Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., July 28, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., August 27, 1904, and then opened for the construction and plumbing of an addition to a frame guardhouse at Fort Stevens, Ore. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction," and addressed, Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Oregon.

Treasury Department, U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C., July 26, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2:00 o'clock p. m., of Friday, August 26, 1904, and then publicly opened, for the construction of a floating boathouse for Grays Harbor (Washington) Life-Saving Station. Specifications and drawings, forms of proposal, etc., can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Construction of Life-Saving Stations, Pacific Coast, Room 35, New Appraisers' Stores, San Francisco, Cal.; to the Assistant Inspector of Life-Saving Stations, Coasts of Washington and Oregon, 13th District, Tacoma, Washington; or to this Office, Horace L. Piper, Acting General Superintendent.

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