

IMMENSE LANDDEAL

The Booth-Kelly Co. Gets the Central Oregon Grant.

Central Oregon men in the city are deeply concerned at the confirmation of reports of the Booth-Kelley land grant deal, confirmed by Major Kinney of the Great Central, and other sources, espectally San Francisco.

This land is the Oregon Central Military Road land grant, which goes through the Southern belt of the state, in a zigzagging line from Eugene to the state line. It crosses Klamath County and that reserCHILDREN, MRS. GRAVES, AND A 12-YEAR OLD BOY NAMED HENLEY, OF CEDAR LAKE. ORRY REED, WIFE AND FOUR

CHILDREN, OF CHELATCHIE. THREE WOMEN, TWO MEN AND FIVE CHILDREN NEAR TROUT LAKE NOT IDENTIFIED AUGUST MEYERS, FIFTH PLAIN

TWO MILLHANDS NEAR BRIDAL VEIL

CHARLES M'KEAN, WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN NEAR LACENTER. BADLY BURNED-FRED BURLIN-GAME, OF YACOLT PRAIRIE. MISSING-MAIL CARRIER NEW-HOUSE AND A MAN NAMED GRAN. NIS.

JERRY GILES, OF WOODLAND, CHARLES WHITINGTON AND WM. FRAZER, SUPPOSED TO BE LOST ON GOAT MOUNTAIN.

The enormity of the devastation of the tidal wave of flame, which is sweeping over the Northwest, is being slowly brought to the realization of the public. So long as the loss was figured on a finandirectly affected cial basis, only those were interested, but since the death list is prowing to large proportions, the sym-

pathics of the populace have been aroused

Board of Trade stands ready to lend a helping hand to all sufferers from the forest fires, in the way of procuring employment for them and raising money for their families MAYOR WILLIAMS Was asked this morning if it was in his power, or that of the Council, to do any-

BOARD OF TRADE READY.

Secretary Moore anounces that the

thing in relief of the fire sufferers. "No, I am sorry to say," he replied "If I had any power to act, you would have heard from me before now. The Council cannot appropriate a cent for such purposes, and it remains for the citizens of Portland to dip down into their pockets and grant relief." "If it had not been for the churches taking the matter up. I should have ap-

ponited a committee to canvass the city or money and provisions, but I will now eave the matter in their hands. I think however, that they have made a mistake in not appointing a soliciting committee instead of asking citizens to come to a designated place and leave their con-

tribution. "They are overlooking many a substan tial contribution, "People don't want to be bothered running around to contribute, but if they were seen by a committee they would cheerfully give their I have to see the church people

AT CHELATCHIE PRAIRIE

are Arthur Bozarth, Beets, Skylor, Hanley, Lawler, and part of Stows Bros.' property. The Tumtum schoolhouse was burned, and 50,000,000 feet of fine timber destroyed in that locality. The fire at present is burning on three sides, and if the wind should change it would destroy thousands of acres of valuable timber land.

At Shanghai ten families were completely burned out, and Leadhetter's saw mill is reported to have been destroyed. Brown's logging camp at Washougal, and all the buildings of the Last Chance and Skamania copper mines, northeast of Washougal, owned by Land and Montgomery, were entirely destroyed. Mr. superintendent of the Last Wyatt. Chance; John Thomas, foreman; W. Vivian, engineer, and Whitford Riley, Hall, Courtney and Ed Strickland, with their families, had a hard

RACE FOR THEIR LIVES. passing through fire at several places. he fire was so fierce in one neighborhood that a number of families, unable

RELIEF FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

lost everything Scores of persons have they possessed, flie forest fires having destroyed their property, homes, crops. some instances. barns, fences, and. In

Rev. Mr. Bollinger, of the Congregation- reported the affair and the Coroner has al church, also called upon his congressagone to the scene to bring in the dead. tion for constions. Money, elothing

shoes, hats, bedding, tableware, kitchen DOWN RIVER utensils, in fact everyching used in a home is needed. Fersons having anything which they can give will leave it with any of the above named ladies or gentiemen and it will be forwarded to those in need. The town was canvassed today but if they missed you take your offering Rain Fell This Morning at Astoria to or notify any member of the commit-

H. E. Cross whose fine place was burnd, returned yesterday morning to gather what stuff he could spare from his Gladstone home, intending to return today. He estimates that the area around Springwhler burned over is easily 15 miles in length by three or four miles in

width and says that not a farmer escaped ASTORIA, Sept. 15 .- Reports received without some loss. When he left, the big in this city from neighboring points inuitree trunks had commenced falling, this iding new terror as they could be heard cate that all danger from forest fires has for long distances sounding as though passed, and that there will be no more damage to property unless the wind immense guns were being fired. To some of the panic-stricken ones the effect was should suddenly switch around to the "The Clackamas gorge," said Mr. cast or southeast and fan the dying emewful. Cross, "acted as a monster chimney which bers into flame. Yesterday the sun shone

brightly and the sky was clear, for the carried the flames along with tremendous energy, jumping hills, creeks and cleared irst time in three days. A westerly places with a bound." wind prevailed and the smoke banks A. L. Carey, accompanied by J. F. Love were blown away. The heavy yell of smoke had complete-

lace, came to town Saturday afternoon. blocked shipping, but fortunately there bringing the

emulate the example of Harry Tracy, is another object of the pursuers and is

supposed to be hiding in Burt County,

Neb. Another of the fleeing criminals is an unknown man who committed a fiendish assault on a young girl in Stanton Coun-The case is one of the most brutal that has been committed in that county for years and if the culprit should be fould and taken back to the scene of his crime, he will most likely receive his punishment at the hands of the enraged citizens of that vicinity.

Another man on whose trail the bloodbounds have been placed is an unknown tramp, who, a few days ago, etnered and robbed the house of Mrs. Ruth Fornell, In Pawnee County, this state. After thoroughly ransacking the house, and not content with robbing the woman, he attacked and most brutally assaulted her. Whe nhe had accomplished his purpose he murdered the woman and then

set fire to her clothing, The dogsarebeingusenthe c h a e i d sp The dogs tha are being used are all good ones, and there is no dougt but what they will run down the fugitives.



vation, goes east by Lakeview, and in a winging direction thence to the eastern boundary of Oregon, in the Jordan Val-It includes all the odd sections on each side of such line, a width of several miles, and involves one of the most gigantic land grants that the Pacific Northwest has ever known.

The deal has been on for some time. options having been taken from the owners, Frisco people, by the Booth-Kelley Company, who have now, it is said on authority, completed the payments and closed the deal. Immense areas of fine land are contained in the grant, and considerable bodies of timber .



Financiers and Promoters Are Returning From Their Vacations.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 .- With the return of the great financiers from abroad, and the wealthy operators from their summer vacations. Wall Street has taken on an air of intense activity and bustle.

The massive features of J. Pierpont Morgan can be seen at the windows of his spacious offices at Wall and Broad streets, absorbed in his multitudinous affairs. A visit to the offices of James R. Keene soon tells one of the presence of the mastermind by the snap that attends everything. The familiar figure of James Hill in the financial center was sufficient in itself this past week to send Northern Securities soaring and on the street are met numerous men whose names are bywords.



Closing---Rampart City -Suicide.

TACOMA, Sept. 15 .- Dawson dispatches say that the lower Yukon steamers are now making their last trips and that navigation will close next week.

Albert Moulton, a miner, of Manchester, N. H., commtited suicide at Rampart City, on receiving a letter stating that his brother had gone insane, leaving his aged parents destitute. He leaves a widow in Manchester, to whom the proseeds of his property are being sent.

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and in many of the stricken districts, re act on this suggestion. lief partles are out scouring the country for victims of the calamity. The bodies recovered number between twenty-five and thirty. Hundreds are known to be missing, and the list of homeless and destitute will number in the thousands. The means of earning a livelihood has been taken from a vast army through the destruction of the many saw mills and log-

ging camps upon which they were dependent. The results in a commercial way will be far-reaching, and stagnation will effect every line of industry in the two states which are in any way attendant upon the lumber interests. The loss In money will in various ways amount to millions of dollars.

FIRES ARE FIERCELY RAGING in many localities which were considered safe. In the vicinity of Portland the danger is over unless a strong wind should arise. The flames have run their course, leaving but little combustible material in their wake. The people of the

outlying towns have taken every precau tion for the protection of life and property, and from the lookout nothing serious is anticipated. The settlers in the dense forests about the foot of Mount St. Helens are having a hard fight. Every avenue of escape is cut off for some of them, and it is expected that many will perish in the seething furnace. The heat there is intense. The air is filled with falling brands and the volume of smoke is dense to suffocation. Up the Sandy Valley much loss is being done to the farmers and tie camps. Along the South-

ern Pacific Railroad from Albany to Redding, Cal., a distance of 400 miles, the country is a mass of flames. Thousands

of cords of wood belonging to the company have been destroyed.

NEEDY SUFFERERS

Donation Movement.

Prompt and effective measures are be-

ing taken for the relief of the destitute

sufferers. The sad situation has appeal-

ed strongly to the generosity of the peo-

ple, and everything is being done to ex-

tend wholesome assistance to the home-

less and needy. The churches have taken

the initiatory steps in the organization

of a committee to secure and distribute

whatever is donated toward the comfort

SHIELDS ON DECK. "

Edward Shields has come to the front

and will during the week give a perform-

of the unfortunate victims.

DEATH SWEEPS CLARK COUNTY

More Than Twenty Have Perished and Scores Are Missing.

(Journal Special Service.) VANCOUVER, Sept. 15.-The forest fires that have been raging in Clarke County

for the past week have abated somewhat and no further damage is feared, unless weather conditions change. The most distressing losses have been those suffered

in the vicinity of Fifth Plain, Yacolt Prairie and along the north fork of the Lewis River between Tumtum Mountain and Etnu. Hundreds of people are destitute, utterly without food, clothing or

money, and immediate and generous HELP MUST BE SENT

in order to save the lives rescued from the devouring flames. For a distance of 40 miles the whole country presents an aspect of utter desolation. All Thursday, Friday and Saturday the fires raged flercely, driven by a terrific wind that moved in a circular motion similar to a path. Many families saved their lives by plunging into near-by streams. Great difficulty was experienced by the settlers in

FLEEING FROM THE FLAMES. They would flee from one fire, only to encounter another, which would nearly

cut off their escape. Fred Burlingame, who lives on Yacolt Prairie, was brought to town yesterday. adly burned, and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. He states that everything in that section of the country is burned. Among those who lost everything are: Wm, Shoemaker, Leon Gardner, J. W. McCutcheon, J. C. Montz, Peter Vascer, Sam Hammond and Mr. Lipp.

ON LEWIS RIVER five large logging camps and the homes

of 50 settlers have been destroyed. Dave Wallace and wife and two children, Mrs. Graves and Henley's 12-year-old boy, of Cedar Creek, have perished in the flames. and several campers are missing. W. A. McArthur, who made the trip from Chelatchie Prairie, a distance of \$5 miles, on his bicycle, in four hours, brings the report of the death of Ory Reed, wife and four children and the finding of the remains of three women, two men and five hildren, names unknown, seven miles from Trout Lake. He also reports that Mr. Grannis and Mail Carrier Newhouse are missing. The remains of the mail carrier's horse were found. George, Charlie, Lloyd and Emmet Scott and J. R. Fuller ran a race with death for 12 miles and barely escaped by plunging into a river. Barry Gulles, of Woodland,

ance for the benefit of the sufferers. He | Spella, are known to be on Great Moun- | has appointed the following as a commit-

their clothing. Many of the sufferers were not financially able to sustain such losses, and it is incumbent upon the people who live here to see that immediate needs are provided for promptly.

Some general plan should be formed at once, to organize the work that has been commendably begun by the local churches. The Journal urges that this be done, and offers to forward the matter in every way within its power.

There is no time to loose. There are people who actually lack the means of sustenance, and whose condition appeals powerfully to the sympathies of all who have anything to contribute.

to make their escape by way of the roads. plunged into the creeks and lay there a greater portion of Friday night in order to save their lives.

A PITIFUL CASE

is that of August Meyers, an old soldier, who lost his wife and all his earthly possessions, with the exception of one horse, at Fifth Plain, last Friday. A week ago he was comfortably fixed, today he was trying to sell his horse for money enough to take him to the Soldiers' Home. Conditions are believed to be much worse than are yet reported, in the burned districts remote from telephone and telegraphic communications, and the actual cyclone, destroying everything in its results will probably not be known for several days. F. Powell, of Hockinson, is in town, and reports that 20 families, besides himself and brother, Wm. Powell, were burned out in that place.

'TWAS HELL

TURNED LOOSE Hundreds Have Lost All Before the Fierce Blast of Flames.

(Journal Special Service.)

OREGON CITY, Sept. 15 .- "It was hell turned loose on earth. I have been through terrible prairie fires but they could not be compared with the terrible conflagration which has just passed over the Springwater country." Such were the words of Rev. Hatch, of Springwater, when seen just after he had reached town Saturday. No less than 40 families are homeless and are now camping over the spots where their houses stood or are crowded together in the few remaining houses and barns. Many have no clothing except what they wore during their escape and the food supply is about exhausted. Unless they are helped immediately much suffering is bound to follow for the colder weather is likely to set in any day.

Charles Wittingham and Wm. Frazier, of REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.,

were few vessels ready for sea. FRST ACCURATE ACCOUNTS of the tire and the list of those who suffered. He could not remember all of the names but the following list is correct, for, although he lost his place, he worked hard for maney of them trying to save their homes.

Phose losing everything are: -, Willis, Gabel, F. Bush, Mrs. Reed, Ed Miller. leo, Cunningham, -, Coin, Mrs. Albright, and Blanch Tucker, William Smith, T. Strite.

W. Snyder, Bill Bard, John Stormer, Harvey E. Cross, Sam Warnock, -, Shibley, Sr., Phil Shannon, Raleigh place, Brindenstine, A. Hablet, Geo. Kellar, Myers & Son, -, Lyman, A. L. Carey and the

Earon place, A. L. Lacey logt two houses, a barn and a store; Dr. Wallens, a barn; --, Kan-

ble, one house; -. Kellar, a house; Frank Millard, a house; William Tucker, a barn; Ed Claustener, everything but his house; John Reed saved only his furniture; Chas. Bard lost all but his house; . Cunnett saved only his granery: Mace

Warnack lost all but his house; William Lewelyn lost all but a barn; --. Ridgeway aved his house; -, Guttridge, one barn ost; B. Guttridge lost a barn and grainry; the church parsonage and barn were burned; Col. Howell lost all but his house: Doe Howell lost a threshing machine; B. Kundel lost everything but his grainery on one place but saved second place.

Besides houses, barns and fences, many cattle, hogs and sheep and much machintry was destroyed. It is impossible to esimate the loss of timber as yet, but thousands of acres are known to have burned. The men who were working on the new

electric plant, belonging to the O. W. P. & R. Gompany, had a

At one time they were entirely surrounded by fire with the sparks falling like snow in a snowstorm, but as there was a good water supply and several men for each building, everything was saved except the bunk tent and tool house. The

men were compelled to throw water on each other to save their clothing and life watch belonging to Russ Wilcox, one, of the men who lived in the tent, was melted out of shape. At one time it seemed that all must die like rats for Wilcox taid that every building had from one to three or four small blazes on it and it was thought that all must go but after this crisis was passed the heat became

This morning the fires over the county tre dying down and will probably do no further damage as the weather is decidedly cooler and indications are pointing toward rain or cloudy weather.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

LA CENTER, Sept. 15 .- The bodies of Charles McKean, his wife and three children, along with McKeans father-inlaw, named Smith, were found between here and Amboy burned to a crsp.

WIFE AND CHILDREN PERISH

VANCOUVER. Sept. 15 .- A Bortland

The bi iner indrapura had been at the mouth of the river, awaiting an opportunity to out to sea as soon as the smoke lifted. and the lumber laden schooner transit was awaiting a similar change to get under way. Both vessels crossed out vesterday. While it is impossible to give any ex-

FIRES DYING

--- Pall of Smoke Has Lifted.

ASTORIA, Sept. 15 .- Rain here this

morning marks the beginning of the end

THE DETAILS.

of the forest fires.

act figures, it is believed between 7000 10,000 ACRES OF TIMBER.

Land have been burned over in the Low er Columbia district. Twenty or thirty buildings have been destroyed, and one mill and loging camp wiped out. The otal loss will perhaps reach from \$150,a \$250,000. The heaviest loss to property was at Skamockaway, where the Willamette Pulp and Paper Company lost its mill and logging camp. At Long

Beach fires raged for a time and threatened to wipe out everything from that town to llwaco. However, when the wind shifted the danger was averted, and late reports say little damage has

een done there. As near as can be learned all the fires this section are under control. From ends. latskanle to the coast small fires urned for three days, but did not get good start before the wind changed It is said a schoolhouse has been destroyed near Svenson, entailing a loss f \$1500, but no other buildings were burn-

ed there. The fires south of the city nave died out. SITUATION IN WASHINGTON

Forest Fires Raging Along the Coweeman River.

(Journal Special Service.) TACOMA, Sept. 15 .- The forest fires are leclining excepting for an immense fire raging along the Coweman River in Cowlitz County. The fires in the loged-off districts have nearly run their course, and the southwest wind drives the smoke

fall northward. The danger has generally passed, but there are no signs yet t rain. Manager Long, of the Weyerauser Timber Company, owning \$10,000,-000 worth of timber in this state, left this morning for Kelso. The logging road there has been destroyed, and the camps

abandoned. Settlers are escaping by taking refuge in the waters of the Coweman, and a sea of fire is snapping everything before it. Manager. Long may decide to start back fires, but will first endeavor to succor the people who are threatened by the flames, sparing neither effort nor money to make the isolated settlers secure.

IMMENSE LOSSES. The 'losses from the forest fires are stimated at \$300,000 in Clurke County and (Continued on Second Page.)

PROBABLE

Anarchists Constantly Agitating Strikers,

(Journal Special Service.) BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 15 .- The ituation here is becoming most alarmng and the strike instituted by the dock laborers is becoming worse every hour. Anarchists are constantly agitating the strikers and it is feared that a terrible outbreak will occur at any moment, in which case the situation will be most appalling, as the members of the strikers are composed of the lowest types of humanity, who, led on by the Anarchists, would not hesitate to murder or commit any kind of crime in order to further their The government has forwarded

more troops to the scene and will do all in its power to prevent rioting.

STRIKE A TRAGEDY One Man Killed and Others Wounded in a

Fight at Omaha.

OMAHA, Sept. 15 .- Union Pacific strike ers set upon Earl Caldwell, a machining from Chicago, early yesterday morning and gave him a severe beating, from the effects of which he died a few hours later. A companion of Caldwell, named Bell, was also seriously injured in the struggle. The two men were attacked as they were returning from the Union Pascific shops, where they had been employ-

John Spellman, one of the men arrested, acknowledged last night that it was he who knocked Caldwell down and it was this blow that was probably the principal cause of his death.

STEAMER FOUNDERED.

COLOMBO-CEVLON, Sept. 11-The British steamer Nithstale was founder hear the Island of Carfar today, the ca tain and 15 men of the craw are believes to hears hear Areas well

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