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YESTERDAY WAS

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WORLD FAMOUS BIG TREE GROVE THREATENED BY FIRE

CALAVERAS SEQUOIAS SURROUNDED BY FLAMES

Great Redwoods Made Renowned by Poet and Short Story Writer in Danger. Hundreds of Men Fight to Save California Reserve.

MILLIONS AT MERCY OF FLAMES

First Fire of Any Magnitude Would Lay Vast Area of Portland in Ashes—Chief Campbell Shudders as Result of Investigation.

HARRIMAN NOT ADVOCATE OF GENERAL INCREASE IN RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES



Pelican Bay, the Lodge and Outhouses Where E. H. Harriman Will Spend His Vacation.

"We Have Had Maximum of Publicity and Minimum of Protection"

In Above Words Magnate Sums Transportation Situation of Today

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sonora, Cal., Aug. 7.—A big forest fire that has been raging for some time in the Stanislaus forests today is threatening to destroy famous Calaveras Big-Tree Grove of redwoods, the largest trees in the world. Hundreds of men are engaged in fighting the flames.

Twelve Blocks in Heart of City Without Hydrants—Mains Small in Districts Where Blaze Would Destroy Thousands.

Investigation made yesterday by Chief Campbell of the fire department shows a large portion of the west side and millions of dollars worth of property wholly at the mercy of fire. Immediately south of Stark, between Tenth and Thirteenth, a district which includes hotels, churches, apartment houses and fine residences there are 12 blocks without a single hydrant.

HOSE THIEF ELUDES COP

Caught at 5 a. m. in Act of Stealing Garden Hose, Escapes From Officer After Filling Patrolman With Fairy Tale.

WHERE COUNTRY'S GREATEST RAILROAD MAN WILL HIDE FAR FROM MADDING CROWD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Aug. 7.—E. H. Harriman and his two sons will leave tonight for Pelican Bay in their special train. They will go by special to Dorris, thence by automobile to the landing at the lake. From there the party will go by steamer to Klamath Falls, thence in Mr. Harriman's launch to his hunting lodge.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Edward H. Harriman, the railroad king, is resting here today after a rapid transcontinental journey, preparatory to proceeding to his hunting lodge at Pelican Bay, Klamath Lake, Or. With his two sons, Averill and Roland, he will leave tonight for the north, where he will be joined by Mrs. Harriman and his two daughters, who are now stopping at Del Monte hotel, Monterey.

FOREST FIRES AT CITY LIMITS OF GRANTS PASS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 7.—Volunteer citizens are fighting the forest fire at the city limits of Grants Pass. A desperate effort is being made to prevent the fire from crossing the road to the Odd Fellows' and Masonic cemetery.

FIVE THOUSAND FEET CONSUMED BY FOREST FIRE

Pendleton, Aug. 7.—Forest fires in the timber along Bear creek in the Blue mountains, 13 miles northeast of Pilot Rock, has burned 5,000 feet of lumber and threatens to destroy the sawmill. A large area is on fire, and the crews are fighting day and night.

Chief Campbell of the fire department took a ride about the city yesterday inspecting the various districts on which he made a report more than a year ago asking that larger mains and more fire hydrants be installed for the proper fighting of fire.

By leaping over the back fence at 128 North Eighteenth street, an early-morning sneak thief made his escape, but he left behind his Panama hat and a good bicycle which if it is his own property shows that he is a gentleman of leisure and refinement.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 7.—Pelican Lodge is in readiness for the coming of E. H. Harriman, his two sons, wife and the other members composing the Harriman party.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Edward H. Harriman said he did not advocate a general increase in freight rates. As to the general topic of railroad legislation he said: Situation Summed.

In western southern Josephine fires are burning in the heavy timber. These fires will be the most destructive for the reason that they will destroy much valuable timber. Sawmills operating in the district are in danger. The crews are fighting the flames. The heavy north wind that blows every day, fans the fire, making it doubly hard to control.

FOUR CANDIDATES ARE NOW ENTERED

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 7.—There are now four Democratic candidates for governor on the primary ticket. William Blackman of Spokane, former labor commissioner and son-in-law of the late Governor John R. Rogers, having filed his declaration. This makes the second whole provision of the law a factor in the Democratic contest as well as in the Republican.

These districts include large apartment houses and fine residences on the south and large warehouses on the north. In the districts, which were gone over, the hydrants were as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. Although the property value runs into millions.

The contractor sent me for this hose, declared the man. He appeared about 40 years of age and of Irish descent. "Well go right down to his house if you doubt what I say about it."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) London, Or., Aug. 7.—The postal officials are considering the feasibility of securing a more adequate mail service between London and points on the Columbia Southern railway. Under the present system it takes three days to mail.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 7.—The report here today that Harriman will use electric power on the Sierra division of the Southern Pacific railroad has created considerable discussion among engineers who are familiar with the power sites of the mountains in that region and the output of the reported move.

STATE PRESIDENTIAL POSTMASTERS MEET IN FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

About 40 postmasters—and postmistresses—were on hand at 10:15 this morning when Postmaster J. W. Minto of Portland, president of the Presidential Postmasters' association, called to order the first annual meeting of the organization. The attendance was considerably less than it probably will be at the subsequent sessions, many of the members not having yet arrived.



for organization and also an additional report as to the financial status of the organization. Money evidently runs little figure with the postmasters, for the secretary and treasurer reported that he had received as payment of dues a total of \$41, and the association had expended 10 cents more than that not including \$9 for the traveling expenses of himself to Portland to confer with President Minto relative to the present meeting. However, he was willing to donate this amount to the association in honor connected with the position. He said it served him right anyway. President Minto, however, explained that the secretary was on his feet and had no intention of standing the expense.

Wade brought to the police station the bicycle which he had stolen. The bicycle is of the Heros make and is fitted with every possible modern appliance for the comfort of the rider. The bicycle is of the Heros make and is fitted with every possible modern appliance for the comfort of the rider.

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Proceedings this morning were brief, lasting less than an hour and consisting principally of the reports of committees and officers and the extending of the glad hand. Many of the postmasters are strangers to one another, but they have mutual sympathies.

Secretary Johnson read his official report of the meeting held last December

Although the fourth-class postmasters have had a nominal organization, with an appointed president and secretary, they have never heretofore got together. But there are quite a number

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ARMY TO KEEP PARIS LIGHTED

Military Electricians to Replace Strikers Who Left the City Dark.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Aug. 7.—City officials are today adopting measures to guard against further trouble similar to that which occurred last night when the city was plunged into darkness for two hours by a strike of electricians. The men struck as a protest against action of the government in employing troops during the recent disorders in Vincennes.

BOXCAR ROBBER FINISHES CAREER

His Bringing Down May Lead to Rounding Up of Train Robber Gang.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Reno, Nev., Aug. 7.—Lying at the point of death from a bullet wound in the groin, William Cronin is about to pay the extreme penalty today for an attempted boxcar robbery in the Southern Pacific's yard last night.

J. B. AT MERCY OF MEAT TRUST

May Turn to South America and Canada for Relief From Beef Barons.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 7.—Agents of the British department of agriculture in a report made public today announced that they had unearthed a plan by which the American meat trust has almost succeeded in cornering the Smithfield market, the largest of the kind in the world.