

TIMBER NEAR PATH OF FLAMES

Situation in Clarke County, Wash., Grows Worse as the Wind Rises—Davis Peak on Fire—Yacolt in Danger.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Woodland, Wash., Aug. 23.—The fire situation at Amboy and vicinity has changed but little. The wind from the northeast is driving the blaze toward View, endangering the property of the Star and Wilson properties. The North Bank and the Doercher companies have already suffered losses of about \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

SIX FAMILIES MAY HAVE PERISHED IN FIRE NEAR SVENSEN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Aug. 23.—More than 100 men, women and children are homeless and destitute in the neighborhood of \$100,000 in personal property, buildings and timber land has been destroyed in forest fires which are raging wildly in the vicinity of Svensen. If the strong easterly winds continue, it is likely that the total loss will be upwards of \$500,000 before another 48 hours.

An effort to locate five or six families who reside in the course of the fire has proved fruitless and it is feared they may have perished. Men employed at the camp, their wives and children, flocked to this city last night to obtain sleeping quarters and food, as all available quarters in the neighborhood of Svensen have been destroyed.

QUESTION OF FOREST FIRE FIGHTING BEFORE THE CONSERVATIONISTS

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Paul, Aug. 23.—The program of the National Conservation congress is again to be changed. This time the change will be made in order to allow the discussion of fire protection at the meeting. The change is a direct result of the disastrous forest fires which have swept the forests of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California for the past few days.

MILLS NEAR CHICO, CAL., IS ENDANGERED; MATCH COMPANY SAFE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chico, Cal., Aug. 23.—Although the forest fire near Chico, Cal., has not yet reached the town, the safety of the town of Chico is under control today, the seat of activity has shifted to Chico canyon, where the flames are devouring scrub timber. The Higgins ranch, including a dwelling, barn and other buildings, has fallen before the fire. The blaze is moving swiftly from hill to hill in the direction of Cohasset ridge, where two sawmills are endangered.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHOWS PROGRESS

Walter Evans, assistant United States district attorney, has returned from a trip through Lincoln county, where he has been making a survey of the progress of the fire. "Lincoln county's progress has been wonderful," he said. "Settlers are crowding in, and a great deal of land is being cultivated. The county court took early action for protection against forest fires and as yet the fire has not been visited by conflagrations."

AIRSHIP BUILDERS SUE ON ASSIGNED CLAIM

Edward P. Preble and John J. Rekar, who are building the Preble-Rekar airship at the exposition grounds, were sued in the circuit court today by the Associated Creditors' Adjustment company on an assigned claim from F. H. Whitfield and Ralph A. Coan, attorneys, for \$750.00 for attorney's fees and money alleged to have been paid out for benefit of the defendants.

EYEWATER CAUSED TROUBLE, SAYS SELEY

Ever since J. Joseph Seley purchased some eyewash on March 21, his eyes have been sore and inflamed, and he has been wearing goggles, besides having to pay doctor bills and buy medicines. This is the complaint he makes in a suit against the Owl Drug company, in which he asks for \$10,000 damages, \$350 to pay his doctor and \$10 for medicines.

Novelty Company Incorporated. The Boblick Novelty company has been incorporated by V. H. Robinson, George Dickinson and J. Ernest Laidlaw. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000.

YOUTHFUL BURGLAR CAUGHT IN ACT OF ROBBERY

Point of Revolver After Robbing Saloon.

While in the act of robbing a saloon owned by Albert Seguin at 263 First street, John Hennessy, aged 23, who says his occupation is ordinarily that of clerk, was caught red-handed last night at the muzzle of a policeman's revolver.

ASSEMBLY SCHEME TO BE DISCUSSED

Samuel H. Gruber, Anti-Assembly Candidate to Speak at St. Johns Tonight.

Samuel H. Gruber, a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of the circuit court, department No. 1, against John P. Kavanagh, the assembly nominee, expects to begin an active canvass to the county next week in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Gruber will also attend the meeting at St. Johns tonight and explain to the voters of that district his attitude towards the assembly.

COURT MUST PASS ON LEWIS' WILL

Document Written by Deceased But No Witnesses Were Called.

A will entirely in the handwriting of the maker, but not attested by witnesses, has been offered for probate in the county court by Julius Silvestone, attorney for the representatives of the late Barnett L. Lewis, who died in San Francisco, May 27.

FILES DECLARATION AS LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

F. N. Myers of 631 Gilliam street, president of the Mount Scott bank, has filed with the county clerk his declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in the legislature. He announces his platform as follows:

VOTERS REGISTER SLOWLY AND MANY MAY BE TOO LATE

Registration of voters at the courthouse is creeping upward slowly, but the work today should bring the number to 26,000, unless the census takers are too strong. The total vote-day reached 25,772, 18,748 Republicans, 3796 Democrats and 2288 of other parties.

GOOD ROADS, AMPLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, PREVENTION OF VANDALISM AND RESERVOIR TO KEEP FALLS RUNNING.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, is en route to Seattle, having returned from a tour of inspection of Yosemite National park and the Hetch Hetchy watershed.

From his brief survey of conditions in the park, Ballinger criticizes the lack of hotel accommodations, the vandalism allowed in the big tree groves and the condition of the roads, that keeps them from being used at all seasons of the year. Ballinger also favors a plan for the storage of water with which to keep the Yosemite falls at the highest in the valley, at their maximum flow throughout the season.

TRAVELERS RECENTLY COME THROUGH STRICKEN BELT TELL OF DESOLATION.

Nones the worse for their experience in the forest fires around Missoula, a party of 48 members of the Knights of Columbus, of San Francisco, arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon from Quebec. They stayed over in this city yesterday admitting the sights to be seen in the tropic of Oregon, and left last evening for San Francisco on the Shasta Limited.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE WEEDS FLY

Comply With Order That Unsanitary Growths on Lots Must Go.

The weed nuisance is being rapidly abated, according to reports received at police headquarters, and hundreds of lots have been cleared of their unsightly growths during the past week. Reports continue to reach the station, however, of procrastination in making arrests, and today more than a dozen officers are serving notices on them to clean up their lots.

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Because of Livestock Show, Automobile Club Run to Sound City Deferred.

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"NOT GUILTY" LEA SPEAKS IN COURT

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WINS BACK WIFE BY BEATING RIVAL

Seattle Man Follows Wife Here and Then Administers Beating to Her Lover.

The proper manner way to win back your wife's favor is by showing that you are a better man than your rival, according to the theory of Leo M. Bach, a clothing salesman of Seattle, and he proceeded to demonstrate it last night by administering a severe drubbing to Julius Frohman, also of Seattle, thereupon Mrs. Bach at once fell into her husband's arms and this morning proudly went back with him to Seattle.

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GRAVE BROKEN AFTER TEN YEARS

Hillsboro, Cal., Aug. 23.—Sexton Gardelle, of St. Johns' cemetery, is working with deputy sheriffs today in an attempt to locate the ground which designated the grave of John Moorehouse. Under cover of darkness the grave was broken open and the corpse made away with; Moorehouse died ten years ago. He was formerly a landman's keeper on the San Mateo county boulevard.

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