

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.

Over the fire question the "state rights" and the federal conservationists are expected to split. The federal supporters will contend that had it not been for the aid furnished by the United States troops the fires would have done much greater damage.

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

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chico, Cal., Aug. 23.—Although the forest fire in the town of Magalia, 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.

Not alone the Cohasset mills, but all those in the surrounding country have closed down. Logging forces are fighting the fire, with the government rangers and volunteers. All telephone lines into this Butte Meadows country to the east of Sterling City have been burned out. It is feared that great damage has been done.

A report that the timber properties of the Diamond Match company were threatened was proved unfounded.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHOWS PROGRESS

Walter Evans, assistant United States district attorney, has returned from a trip through Lincoln county. "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 forest 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.

It is alleged that Whitfield & Coan had several agreements with their clients as to the account, the last being that the lawyers should be entitled to \$250 in addition to what they had before earned on July 1, or should have 10,000 shares in the airship company. They chose the cash, it appears, but did not get it. Their total claim is for \$115, with \$115.00 paid, leaving a balance of \$230.50.

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

SALVAGE BURGLAR CAUGHT IN ACT

Youthful Burglar Arrested at 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:

"I will support Statement No. 1 and the present direct primary law; also such legislation as will establish the proper guarantee of bank deposits and such legislation as will promote the best interests of the veterans of the Civil war; also for legislation that will improve the public roads."

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, \$250 to pay his doctor and \$10 for medicines.

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 voters day reached 25,772, 18,748 Republicans, 3796 Democrats and 2228 of other parties.

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"NOT GUILTY" LEA SPEAKS POSITION OF STATE TREASURER

Man and Woman Deny in Court They Killed Widower and Jammed Body Into a Trunk.

Three candidates are now in the race for the Republican nomination for state treasurer. Ralph W. Hoyt is the nominee of the state convention. He is opposed for the nomination by Thomas E. Kay of Salem and Judge John F. Ryan of Oregon City, both of them avowed opponents of the assembly movement.

Mr. Hoyt is well known as a former official of the Merchants' National bank and as the present president of the Portland Road board. He was a candidate for state treasurer in 1908, but was defeated by James Steel, the present incumbent of the office.

Senator T. B. Kay of Marion county is better known in public life than Mr. Hoyt. He has been one of the most prominent business men of Salem for a number of years, being the manager of the T. B. Kay Woolen mills of that place. He has been a member of the legislature from Marion county through several sessions. As a member of the lower house, and last session as a member of the senate, he has made a reputation in the legislature as standing for the best interests of the people of his county and the state at all times.

Because of his close attention to state appropriations and his hard fight against needless expenditures, he gained the nickname of "the Watchdog of the Treasury" at the last session of the legislature. He at all times contended that the finances of the state should be as carefully conserved as those of any business corporation, and continually favored the strict application of business principles to the government of the state. Senator Kay intends to make an earnest campaign for the nomination throughout the state.

Judge Ryan is well known in Clackamas county having been county judge there for some time. He also announces himself as being opposed to the assembly and will make an active campaign throughout the state to win the nomination in the three-cornered fight.

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.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE WEEDS FLY

Comply With Order That Un-sightly 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 to make any arrests in connection with the nuisance, as today more than a dozen officers are serving notices on them to clean up their lots.

BOWERMAN APPOINTS DELEGATES TO LINCOLN

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Delegates to the Farmers' National Congress to be held at Lincoln, Neb., commencing October 6, have been appointed by Acting Governor Bowerman as follows:

C. T. Burton, Forest Grove; B. C. Ledy, Corvallis; Fred Crane, Clatskanie; C. L. Griffith, McCoy; W. D. Barnes, Laidlaw; H. C. Wheeler, Pleasant Hill, and W. P. Kiroham, Oregon City.

SHOWS TOURISTS EASY WAY TO HANDLE MONEY

Portland tourists traveling abroad are greatly aided by a traveling check issued by the American Express company. This company has opened offices at all important places visited by the tourists abroad, thereby facilitating the handling of money. Not only has this been a great boon to the tourist, but it has also benefited the old world; a new system in transferring money. It is one of the hustling American ways that has practically opened the eyes of the business world abroad.

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.

"I shall recommend," said Ballinger, "that so far as the government has supervision of the roads in the valley and the national park, they be put in condition for public travel at all seasons of the year. Some of them in the dry season are almost intolerable on account of the dust.

"It is also highly desirable that a road be built along the south rim of Yosemite canyon connecting with the Sawtooth road, above Inspiration Point, with Glacier Point.

"Equally important with the construction of roads is the matter of additional hotel facilities within the valley for the accommodation of tourists.

"In order to keep in perpetual operation through the dry season one of the most beautiful features of the valley—the Yosemite falls—an investigation is being made as to the feasibility of diverting and storing sufficient water to maintain a continuous flow over these falls, which are now completely dry, and will remain so until the wet season begins.

"I was struck with the vandalism exhibited in the wanton injury of some of the big trees. I shall order the Grizzly Giant fenced in.

"All private interests so far as possible should be eliminated from national parks. It is my desire that congress ought to find a way to wipe out the private interests in these lands and I shall make recommendations to that effect."

TRAVELERS RECENTLY COME THROUGH STRICKEN BELT TELL OF DESOLATION

None 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.

The party left San Francisco July 28th, bound for Quebec, to attend the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus. They journeyed over the Santa Fe, taking in the Grand Canyon, and from there they went to Chicago, thence to Niagara Falls and finally to Charlotte, where they went by steamer across Lake Ontario and down the St. Lawrence river, stopping at Montreal and thence on to Quebec.

The party which arrived in Portland yesterday was headed by Ben Hanlon and James McSheehy, both prominent business men of the Bay city, and well known in Portland. Mr. Hanlon has been reading the news of the lodge of Eagles in San Francisco for the last ten years.

Speaking of the forest fires in the northwest which their train passed en route to Portland, Mr. Hanlon said: "We had a delightful trip until we reached the country around Missoula, Mont. When we arrived there we found women and children coming into the town in freight and cattle cars. Some were partly clothed and others were almost naked. It was a most heart-rending scene. I passed through the great earthquake and fire of San Francisco but I believe that these forest fires are almost its equal. We left Missoula Monday morning and after being on the road about three or four hours we encountered a burning bridge. We had to lie over in this desolate spot for ten hours until such time as a temporary trestle could be built."

Mr. Hanlon when asked regarding the outlook for Portland, spoke very encouragingly. "When I was here five years ago Portland was nothing but a large logging town, but the progress that has waved over your city has been something remarkable. Portland has a grand future and I hope to be able to pay you another visit ere long."

"Now is the time to register to save worry. Every man will find a long line of tardy ones the last of week, and all will have to await their turn with clerks working under high pressure and greater liability of mistake. The office is open daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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SEATTLE AUTO RUN TO BE POSTPONED

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

The directors of the Portland Automobile club last night held one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the year. The talk was "business" throughout the meeting and numerous plans were conceived and put in incubation, which, when worked out a few weeks hence, it is believed will make autoists all over the state sit up and take notice.

The most important action taken was the postponement of the run to Seattle from September 3 to September 10, or September 17. This was done on account of the Portland Fair and Livestock exposition which is to be held September 5-11.

Most of the directors were anxious to hold the Seattle run on the date of the meeting in the Sound City for the organization of the Western Automobile club run on September 19 or September 27 will be made a big feature and desired that at least 30 or 40 machines enter.

The directors decided unanimously to make the automobile parade on the evening of September 5, in honor of the opening of the Portland Fair, a big feature. Assistant Secretary Harrison was instructed to work out the details of the parade as rapidly as possible. It is desired that all auto owners who can spare machines enter them in the parade to insure the assistance given to the parade by the automobile club. The parade will start at 10 o'clock and probably will form near the Oregon hotel on Seventh street. The line of march will extend to the East Side.

Delegates will be sent from Portland to attend the meeting at Seattle on the evening of September 4 for the purpose of organizing the Western Automobile association. The club run on September 19 or September 27 will be made a big feature and desired that at least 30 or 40 machines enter.

EVERYONE CARRIES HYDROMETER IN GRIP

Tim W. Davenport, who needs no introduction as one of the oldest and best known of the Oregon pioneers and as the father of Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, says he has the laugh on the young man who presides over the destined of the parade's checking counter at the Grand Central station. It is this way:

Mr. Davenport, who is a man of venerable appearance, started to Cheyenne to visit his son Homer, who is with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's party. Mr. Davenport came down from Silverton and checked his grip at the depot while he came up to meet old friends in the city. When he returned the check had been taken from his grip in some manner. The young man in charge asked the aged visitor to identify his grip by telling what it contained.

Mr. Davenport told of several common articles like tooth brushes, combs, collars, nightgowns and socks, but the young man was not convinced. Thinking to clinch the argument Mr. Davenport, as an climax, mentioned that he had a hydrometer in his grip.

"Now, look here, my friend," said the young man, "don't try to run any stall kick on me. Everybody has hydrometers in their grips. You can't fool me that way."

Mr. Davenport was nonplussed for a moment, not knowing of the practice. Then he said:

"Well, son, if that is so, tell me what a hydrometer is?"

"Another old stall," said the bright young man. "You needn't think you are going to trap me. I know what a hydrometer is, but I am not going to tell you." He gave up the grip, however.

Don't you see the joke? Then look in the word directory.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON ROUTE OF CIRCUS PARADE

Fire partly destroyed a two-story frame building at 81 Sixth street yesterday afternoon. The upper floor was gutted. Goods of the Pacific Tailors, occupying the lower floor, fortunately escaped without damage. Office men of the Wells-Fargo building, located here in the building upon the blaze before the arrival of the fire department, keeping it from spreading. Fire wagons had to run through the circus parade.

EXCUSE TO KILL

Vengeance Upon Faithless Man by a New Orleans Girl Follows McLaughlin Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Orleans, Aug. 23.—Following the acquittal of Mamie McLaughlin, on a plea of the "unwritten law" after shooting and killing Hugh Smith, who, she alleged, betrayed and deserted her, the police are facing an epidemic of man-killing by disappointed girls.

The first shooting occurred last night. Katherine Fretsch shot and killed Frank Mischler. The girl is confident that the jury will free her because, she alleges, she was betrayed by Mischler, and the "unwritten law" gives her a right to avenge herself. She says she followed the McLaughlin case carefully and since the acquittal she felt she was at perfect liberty to kill Mischler.

The police say they have been informed that numerous young men have received letters from girls who say they have been wronged and threatening death as a punishment. Many men are hiring bodyguards.

Katherine Fretsch is a member of an old family here and the shooting created a sensation. A speedy trial is promised.

The McLaughlin case was given considerable publicity. Members of the Era club, one of the most exclusive women's societies of the south, espoused the girl's cause and raised a fund for her defense.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EXTENSIVE POULTRY EXHIBITION AT LIVESTOCK SHOW IN SEPT.

Arrangements have been completed for an extensive poultry show in connection with the Portland fair and livestock exposition to be held at the Country club September 5-11.

C. D. Minton, editor of the Oregon Agriculturist, has been selected as superintendent of this department and has the work in preparation. As Mr. Minton has had extensive experience in this work, his selection as superintendent insures to exhibitors the very best of intelligent treatment.

The express companies have granted very liberal shipping rates to poultry exhibitors, and the very best accommodations for the birds have been provided on the fair grounds.

While a fall poultry show is an innovation in Portland, the idea being enthusiastically welcomed by breeders and fanciers of high-bred poultry. Entries and inquiries for quarters are pouring into the secretary's office by every mail, and the success of the show is assured. Poultry shows in Portland have always been good selling shows, and this fact is remembered by breeders and purchasers. There are many people of wealth in Portland's suburbs owning small acreage who welcome the opportunity of buying the best stock to be had, and are willing to pay fancy prices for the best.

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Those who have seen these wonderfully educated animals before in the east pronounce their act to be the most wonderful exhibition of animal training of recent years.

Dunbar's goat circus will appear at the fair the entire week, September 5 to 11, as an open-air attraction, absolutely free to all.

Arrangements have been made with the various railroads running into Portland for the following rates, and from the Portland fair, September 5 to 11:

One- and one-third fares from all points; children 5 to 12 years of age, one-half of the above fare. Dates of sale, September 6 and 7. All tickets good returning until September 12.

CHINESE DAY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Portland's Chinatown was well represented in Municipal Judge Bennett's court this morning when the cases against Sing Lee, operator of a Chinese gambling resort, and eight of his patrons were called. Sing Lee had promised to put up a legal battle and owners of other resorts were eager to know the outcome, while many of his friends were there from mere curiosity.

Sing Lee, however, had experienced a change of heart over night and he entered a plea of guilty to the charge of conducting a gambling resort. Lee, Young Lee Wong and Ching Ching pleaded guilty on the advice of Sing Lee to charges of vagrancy and visiting a gambling room and the five Yags caught in the raid by Patrolmen Martin and Johnson also admitted they were in a gambling room. Judge Bennett fined Sing Lee \$50. The other Chinese were assessed \$25 each and the Japanese \$10 each. All of the fines were paid by Sing Lee.

Patrolmen Martin and Johnson last night raided the lottery headquarters conducted by Wing Moon Yuen, 32 North Fourth street, and confiscated 1500 tickets and \$250. Wing Moon Yuen was locked upon a charge of selling lottery tickets. In municipal court today his case was continued until tomorrow.

At an international telephone and telegraph congress to be held at Paris in September much time and space will be given to a discussion and exhibition of automatic telephone systems.

BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE WORKING TO MAKE SURE FIRST ISSUE BE BOUGHT WHEN OFFERED

With but two days left to make sure that the first \$250,000 issue of Broadway bridge bonds will be bought when offered next Monday, the business men's committee is working desperately, determined that their campaign to rouse public sentiment to the aid of the present crisis shall be successful.

There is necessity that many who have promised to buy put their bids in definite shape. Each bid must be accompanied by 5 per cent of the amount bid for. Each bid must be sealed. The Filbert Savings bank has promised to file bids for all who wish to join the popular movement free of charge and in the legal form.

Many prominent men have given assurance of their support of the movement and have declared that they will use influence and funds to prevent the campaign from becoming a failure. All concede the necessity for the hardest kind of work.

The Northeast Side improvement association will hold a special meeting tomorrow night and will likely organize an emergency effort for the purpose of impressing upon the people of Portland not only the necessity for building the Broadway bridge, but for building it now. Judge M. G. Munly, the president of the association, who has been absent in Alaska for several months, is expected to return in time to preside at the meeting.

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