

FIRE FIGHTING SCENES TAKEN IN THE FORESTS OF WESTERN OREGON

LOCAL PARTY NEAR HOOD NOT MENACED BY FIRE

Members Returning From the Maulding Hotel Say Flames Along Mountain Road Under Control; 4 Houses Burned.

Thomas McCusker and his son-in-law, M. Fouch, who returned yesterday by auto from the Maulding hotel, near Welch's camp, on the Mount Hood road, with Mrs. McCusker, Miss Helen McCusker and Mrs. E. F. Cannon, reported the forest fires that raged along the highway last week, greatly abated. They arrived in Portland about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

"The fire started," said Mr. McCusker, "on Zig-zag mountain, according to reports and is supposed to have been caused by the carelessness of forest rangers. It swept down Scholey road and river to what is now known as the McIntyre place. So far as I was able to learn only four houses were burned. On Wildcat mountain a saw and pappoose were burned to death, according to the reports made by hundreds of Indians who were driven out of the brush.

"Mr. Fouch and I went to the Maulding hotel Friday to get my wife, daughter and Mrs. Cannon. We found that the hotel was in no danger, but that every precaution had been taken. Maulding's place is about three miles south of Rhododendron Inn, around which the fire swept.

"Mountains Swept Clean. When we left the Mount Hood district the fires were still burning, but were under control. It was feared they were beating back into the mountains. The wind storm that raged up Tuesday about midnight and gave impetus to the flames, has subsided and unless the wind, which was light and blowing to the northeast, changes, I believe the fires will be extinguished without trouble.

"The west side of Huckleberry mountain has been swept clean of all growth, and Zig-zag and Wildcat mountains have been denuded. Fences were burned out all along the road and hay and other crops gone. On the ground over which the fire swept there is no vegetable life left, but in many places smothered by the flames, the standing timber is not so badly hurt as supposed. In many cases the fire was swept through so swiftly by the strong wind, that it burned only the underbrush and did not really damage the larger trees.

"Bull Run is in no danger and from what I learned was not endangered at any time. Of course, if the wind changes suddenly and freshens up considerably, the danger there may be in the reserve, but such is not likely.

"Settlers Leave in Hurry. Everywhere we saw evidence of the haste in which people left the burned region. Along the sides of the roads we saw camps, deserted days ago, with the dishes still on the tables, and clothing hanging on the lines. We met one camper yesterday hauling a half of a dining room table. He told us the other half had been burned.

"The Indians and berry pickers suffered terribly. Hundreds of Indians who were camping and picking berries in the woods were robbed of their all by the fire, their blankets burned, their stock killed and their tents and camp equipment destroyed. So it was with many white campers. No one will ever know how many were burned to death, for there may have been hundreds of berry-pickers in the dense woods through which the fire ate.

"People who are still at Maulding's place, Welch's and at Rhododendron asked me to let the newspapers know that danger was past, so that their friends and relatives may know they are safe. The stages are having trouble getting in and out and it will be several days before all those who desire to leave can get out.

"At Maulding's hotel there are a Mr. McKnight of Portland, and his three sisters; Mrs. Raamussen and two daughters; Mrs. T. G. Green and two children; Dr. Stolte's wife, son and his wife's mother, Mrs. McGuire, and a Mr. Ball and wife. The wife and son of Douglas Taylor, formerly city engineer of Portland, are at the hotel. Mr. Taylor is out in the woods on a surveying trip. He did not encounter the flames."

WOMAN ADVANCING SOCIALISTS' CAUSE

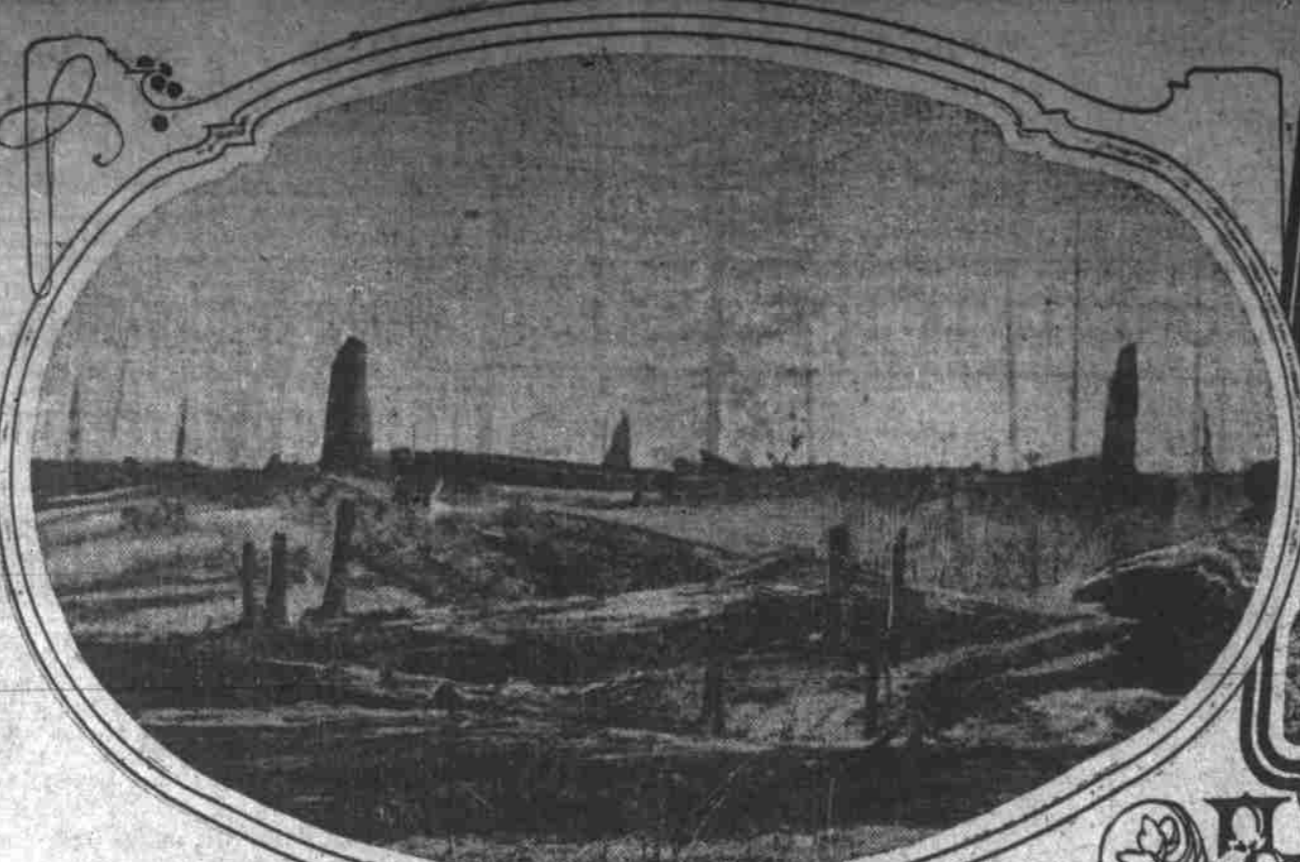
Miss Anna Agnes Maley, national organizer of women for the Socialist party, who has been working in Portland for the past week, left this afternoon for Salem, where she will spend several days in advancing the interests of her work. From Salem Miss Maley will go to various towns of the Willamette valley, and will gradually work down through southern Oregon into California.

Miss Maley is one of the most noted women now working with and for the socialist cause. She is known as an eloquent speaker and has had much success in her efforts to organize the women of the socialist faith. She was, for a time, business manager of the New York Evening Call, and a member of and secretary of the general committee of the Socialist party of New York city.

Miss Maley is attempting to band the women of the socialist faith together into a working organization. She stands for equal suffrage, contending that the present conditions of life throw women into competition with men in the business world and that they should have equal rights under the law. She contends that the Socialist party stands not for free bread but for the free opportunity to earn bread.

It is the intention of Miss Maley to return to Portland after her tour through California, at which time she will deliver one or more public addresses on her work and her theories of the ultimate solution of the problems now confronting the people of the nation.

A back rest for motorcycle riders that recently was invented is arranged to fall out of the way the instant a rider's back is removed from it so that it will not interfere with him in dismounting.



Top (from left to right)—How a forest looks just after being swept by fire. Tired soldiers snatching a brief rest after 24 hours' hard work on fire line in southern Oregon. Bottom—Rangers and civilians who are fighting fire on the Crater Lake reserve. Group of loggers making fire break near Gresham, Or.

SECRET SERVICE MEN ON TRAILS OF INCENDIARIES

Jackson County Court May Offer Reward for Arrests and Conviction; Proof That Fires Were Set.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Or., Aug. 27.—District Attorney Mulker has asked the county court to hold a special session within the next few days and offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the incendiaries who have been making so much trouble throughout southern Oregon during the past two weeks.

While Assistant Forecaster C. J. Buck declines to discuss the matter until the conviction of those responsible for the present fires, no longer doubt remains as to the fact that the fires are being set. Those on the fire lines throughout the Crater forest have gathered enough evidence to show beyond a doubt that the fires are being set out.

Evidence Lacking. Two men, S. Crosby and Arthur Frenche, were arrested this morning on the fire line back of Ashland and charged by Ranger Gribble with setting out the fires which have been threatening Ashland for a week past. The men were given a hearing this afternoon before Judge Eggleston in the justice court, but were allowed to go, there not being enough evidence to warrant the court in holding them. The men were found in the neighborhood of a new fire and were asleep. It appeared that they had been responsible, but not enough evidence could be secured to convict.

Detectives Seek Perpetrators. In the Butte Falls district there are a number of secret agents looking up evidence against suspects and it is expected that several arrests will follow. It has been authoritatively reported that no less than six new fires have been set out in one neighborhood in a single night. The most terrific fire now raging in the Crater National forest is on the south fork of the Rogue river. Here some 30 sections of timber have been burned over. The timber in this neighborhood runs from 30,000 to 40,000 feet an acre, and from authentic reports from 50 to 100 per cent of it has been destroyed. This fire jumped the middle fork of the Rogue river and endangered Prospect, but was controlled by the soldiers. So far it has not again jumped the middle fork. It is still far beyond control and it is not considered.

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Improbable that it will escape its present bounds and wipe out a large number of homes. The Dudley, Cat Hill and Big Elk fires are being held. Favorable reports are being received from Ashland and Colastin. A fire is burning within a mile of Ruch on the Applegate, which all of the settlers in that neighborhood are fighting. It is thought that it will be under control within the next 24 hours. The settlers near Asbestos have saved their homes by hard fighting.

VONNESBORG COLONY ON BELL MOUNTAIN SUFFERS GREAT LOSS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 27.—The fires that have swept Bell mountain and the Swedish colony at Vonnesborg have left many families homeless. Property loss is enormous and the danger is not yet over. The winds for the present have quieted down, which has given the fire fighters a big advantage, but should the wind rise it would immediately fan the smoldering embers and doubtless carry them into districts not yet fire stricken. This is the opinion of A. Peterson, of 523 Prescott street, Portland, a former resident on Bell mountain, who returned this morning from a week's visit to Otto Anderson, who lives in the burned district. Mr. Peterson was once nearly surrounded by fire while visiting Mr. Uchic, a farmer residing on the north slope of Bell mountain. He returned to Mr. Anderson's farm just in time to help save his house and barn.

Mr. Peterson gave the following account of the fire: "The atmosphere was full of dense smoke and flying cinders. We made heroic efforts to save the place. But in spite of all we could do, the fences were burned down and we found it difficult to save the house and barn.

"The wind blew a gale, and it was so strong that when we carried water in buckets to the roofs of buildings it blew some of it out of the buckets. It was a desperate situation, as we were almost blind from hot cinders and smoke, and when the fire came we could not get water from the creek.

C. B. Checkley lost all his buildings and nearly lost his wife and children. He was away from home at the time, and when he returned his place was surrounded by flames. His family was saved by the heroic efforts of his neighbors.

Mr. Uchic lost everything and saved himself by deserting his ranch before the fire reached it.

Mr. White and many others lost their homes. R. B. Boyd's barn caught fire several times, but each time the fire was put out.

ROUTE FROM DENVER TO YELLOWSTONE. Denver, Colo., Aug. 27.—The Denver, Laramie & Northwestern railroad will be completed and in operation between Denver and Yellowstone Park in time for the Knights Templar convalescence to be held in this city in 1911, is the official statement made by Colonel William E. Skinner, treasurer of the road. Conservative estimates of officials of

the road place the increase in tourist travel through Denver each year at from 150,000 to 250,000 as one likely result to the completion of the road. Colorado will be given a much wider popularity than she now enjoys.

The same day that the announcement was made that Denver had secured the Knights Templar convalescence the officials of the new and aggressive road met and adopted the slogan "A Knight's ride to the Yellowstone for the Knights without change of train or extra fares." Then the wires were used and orders given

all along the line that the great national park must be reached by 1913. The road is to be advanced this winter as far as the coal fields of Wyoming and construction will now be pushed forward with even more vigor on account of the desire to make good the promise to Denver of a completed road to Yellowstone in three years.

It is confidently expected that the opening up of the northwestern Colorado and central Wyoming territory will greatly increase the jobbing trade of Denver. A great freight traffic from

the mineral districts between Denver and Yellowstone is also looked for, and this, with the revenue from the vast grain fields of the northwest, ought to place the road on a paying basis in a short time.

A man living near Medford began keeping a record of the output of his hens last November and his hens have averaged 125 eggs apiece since that time and have netted him on the average of \$1 each. This is after taking away eggs used for the incubator.

WORK ON BRIDGE SOON COMPLETED

Remodeling of Span Over Sullivan's Gulch Causes Officials Much Worry.

Work of remodeling the Twenty-eighth street bridge over Sullivan's gulch will be completed about the middle of next month. This was the promise made yesterday by J. R. Bowles, manager of the Northwest Bridge works. The remodeling of the bridge has taken an unusual length of time, and has occasioned considerable talk about the structure.

The bridge was built of cement. It was completed under the administration of Mayor Lane, who condemned the affair. When Mayor Simon took office it was arranged through the bridge committee of the city executive board that Waddell & Harrington, consulting engineers, should suggest changes that would make the bridge safe, and to this the Northwest Bridge company agreed.

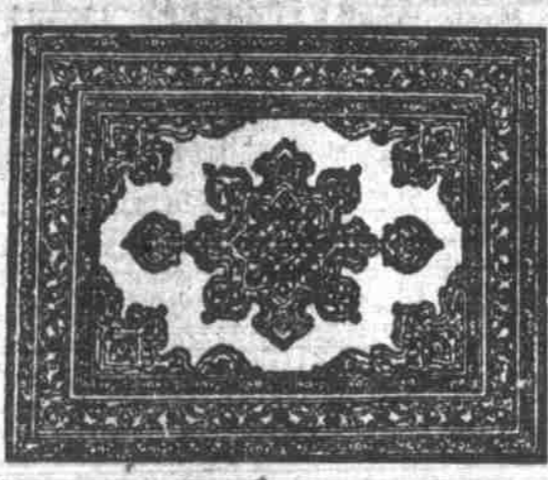
The latter concern protested against the selection of Waddell & Harrington. The engineering firm inspected the bridge and suggested the changes, involving iron braces, stays and supporting rods. To this the Northwest Bridge company looked with disfavor, as it stated it was a move to discredit cement work. The former concern replied that it is the only way to make the bridge safe for all traffic. The reinforcement of the abutments was also suggested.

The bridge company proceeded, however, to do the work as outlined by the engineering firm. Recently the latter concern proposed a test, in which it placed 83 tons of cement on 162 square feet. It was noted the deflection was only four one hundredths of an inch. One cement slab was specified to be of such strength that it would carry a live load of 250 pounds to the square foot. The dead load of cement now on the bridge is 750 pounds to the square foot.

The changes suggested by Waddell & Harrington require the cutting through the cement in many places, and this is declared by the bridge works to greatly injure the bridge.

The agreement between the city and the bridge builders was that the company should remodel the structure as specified by the consulting engineers, and the contract price would be paid. All expense of the remodeling was to be determined in a friendly suit in the courts. This promise to be very large. In the meantime, the people have expended more than \$50,000 and have had no use of the bridge. City Engineer Morris has been eliminated in the entire matter, since the engineering concern is acting for the city. The question still remains over the stability of the bridge.

Among many fine contributions from Corvallis and vicinity to the exhibition car was a cucumber vine of no great length but bearing four cucumbers each a foot in length and of proportionate girth, and there were many small cucumbers and blossoms. One of the cucumbers would supply the Hotel Corvallis for a meal, and they look just as good as the small ones, says the Seattle Times.



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