

DANGER FROM FOREST FIRE NEAR OSWEGO IS BELIEVED TO BE PAST

Dozen Men Are Fighting the Flames, Which Are Now Under Control.

TIMBER UNDER PATROL

Number of Log Houses Consumed; Critics Answered by G. C. Chapman, in Letter.

With a dozen men combating the flames, the forest fire around Oswego was well under control today. In the gulch along the Boone Ferry road the timber on the west side was declared out of danger, while five or six men working on the east side mastered the fire by noon.

The area covered by the flames covers one and a quarter miles. Goodwin's shingle mill and several log houses falling before the onrushing fire.

A Portland fire engine was sent to Tryon creek yesterday, but was unable to do much in fire fighting, owing to a shortage of water.

Sheriff Word has made plans for using prisoners at the county jail and Kelly Butte for fighting the flames if necessary.

In response to criticism heaped upon the association and state forestry bureau by Sheriff Word, G. C. Chapman of the Oregon Forest Fire Association stated this morning the association had lent assistance in fighting the fire as soon as it was shown that help was required.

The fire started Saturday afternoon from Goodwin's sawmill, he said. "The mill was destroyed, and aside from this no material damage has resulted. The burning mill started the brush fire, and not the other way round, as has been stated in one of the Portland papers."

State Forester Elliott sent assistance as soon as informed that a fire existed requiring help, which was on Monday. Since that time, the fire has not spread, although not to exceed a dozen men have worked on it any time. A large crew has not been needed at any stage of the fire to control it, and statements such as that Countell Creek was endangered, or that 50 men were needed on the fire are absurd. So far as I have been able to learn Sheriff Word has burned up considerable gasoline, but accomplished nothing more than this. The county, through its road master, has cooperated with the state in a commendable manner, and there can be no legitimate criticism of the state's action affecting the fire."

DIVER BEARDS "ZERO" IN CAVERN, BUT MISSES BODY

Icy Depths of Oswego Lake Chill to the Bone and Progress Baffled.

Inured to the mysterious depths of the Pacific, the shaded bottom of the Willamette and the crawfish bottom floor of the Yamhill, Fred De Rock, master diver of Portland, met his match Monday in the placid waters of Oswego lake.

Called to Oswego to dive for the body of young Arthur Danstrom, who was drowned while bathing in the lake Saturday, De Rock, who for his daring in exploring the caverns of sea and river is known as "The Reckless," donned his heavy divers suit and permitted himself to be let slowly down into the bosom of the lake.

For 25 feet it was no new experience—it was diving as he had practiced it for years in river and ocean. But below 25 feet he came suddenly upon a stream of cold water, so terrifically cold that he was benumbed from head to foot, chilled to the bone.

"In all my 25 years' experience as a diver," he said yesterday, "I have never found such cold water. I felt as if I was in cold storage. The water was liquid ice. I had chills. I was so cold that I was compelled to telephone to Dr. Edgar H. Anderson, who was on the other end of the line, to pull me up."

"With my tender, W. O'Conner, I covered 100 square yards in either direction from the spot where young Danstrom went down, but it was impossible to reach the spot where I had to be hauled by his parents must feel about the recovery of the body, I braved the cold water again and scuba, and covered every inch of the bottom of the lake indicated by those who saw Danstrom drown.

"The bottom was covered with huge boulders and fallen trees, making the walking so rough that I had to be hauled over the obstructions from above. In one place I sank to my waist in oozy mud, and was only extricated from this dangerous spot by prompt hauling by my tender.

"All in all, I went to a depth of 75 feet, the lower 50 feet being colder than ice, evidently freed by numerous rains a severe cut on the head from being thrown against the top of the auto.

Dippert, who is a salesman for L. R. Kolliek & Co., is just learning to drive, and when he reached Grand avenue several street cars and trucks confused him so that he stalled his engine about six feet away from the southbound track. Starting up again he forgot to look toward the north and was hit by the approaching car. The machine was not badly damaged. Dippert was removed to his home after prompt stitches had been taken in his head.

Hold Woman as Witness in Case

Fearful Threat of Defendant, Charged With Giving Her Beer, and Tried to Get Away; First Trial of Kind.

Salem, Or., July 22.—Asserting that William Porter, scheduled for trial this afternoon on a charge of violating the prohibition law by giving away beer, threatened to kill her if she "peached," Mrs. J. Sands of Oregon City, aged 23 years, chief witness in the case, sought to leave the city last night, but was caught and locked up about 11 o'clock. Porter is also in jail. The trial will be the first here since the city went dry in which a man is accused of giving away liquor. "The woman asserts Porter gave her six glasses of beer."



Fred De Rock.

springs at the bottom of the lake. I am the first diver to descend into Oswego lake."

De Rock worked in the lake from 9 o'clock in the morning until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and later used a box and a half of dynamite in an endeavor to bring the body to the surface. He was unsuccessful, however.

Expressing it as his belief that the lower portion of Lake Oswego has a temperature of below zero, De Rock is of the opinion that this coldness has kept the body from coming to the surface.

De Rock is the official diver for the Port of Portland and the United States government. His search at Oswego lake was made at the instance of the Portland police department.

AVERS CHAMBERLAIN HAS DONE MUCH FOR COOS BAY SECTION

Statement Sent to Progressive State Chairman Refuted by Marshfield Man.

INSTANCES ARE RECALLED

Closing of Slough Through Legislature's Effort Added Millions to Property Values.

Facts show that the statement in a telegram to State Chairman T. B. Neumann of the Progressive party from certain members of the party at Coos Bay that Senator Chamberlain "has absolutely ignored this section" falls far short of squaring with the truth, according to Hugh McLain of Marshfield. Mr. McLain is a member of the Democratic state central committee and the Democratic presidential elector selected to carry Oregon's vote to the presidential electoral college in 1912.

"I want to refute that statement," said Mr. McLain, who is in the city today, at the Imperial, "because Senator Chamberlain has always been a good friend of Coos Bay and given us excellent service in congress."

"Last summer the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce sent me to Washington to get congress to pass a bill closing Mill slough, which was a navigable stream of water running through the center of Marshfield. It was due solely to Senator Chamberlain's efforts that this bill passed congress, as he had no assistance from Congressman Hawley in the house.

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Chamberlain Got Slough Closed.

"This slough was within five blocks of our largest hotel. To have it closed and filled has added millions of dollars to the value of Marshfield property. It has eliminated a dividing line in the city and has added to the beauty of the place.

"After Senator Chamberlain got his bill through the senate, and it was up for passage in the house, Hawley claimed it was impossible to pass it in the house because Adamson, chairman of the committee on commerce, to which the bill was referred, claimed he would not sanction a bill closing any navigable stream.

"It was then necessary for me to make a second trip to Washington. Through the influence of Senator Chamberlain with Adamson and other Democratic leaders in the house the bill was passed and became a law, and the slough has been filled.

"Life Saving Station Removal.

"The commercial bodies and all shipping interests of Coos Bay have been trying for years to have our life saving station moved near to the mouth of the entrance to our bay, and had never succeeded in having the necessary money included in the appropriation bill until this session of congress. Senator Chamberlain has succeeded in having an appropriation of \$47,000 inserted into the general civil bill for this purpose, with the result that upon the passage of that bill the work of removing the station from its present site can begin immediately.

"Everyone on Coos Bay realizes the need of having this station moved to its new site. Many lives have been lost on Coos Bay and the property would have been saved had the station been located in its proposed site.

"In addition to this, when the present rivers and harbors bill passed the house it carried an appropriation of \$40,000 for the improvement of Coos Bay. When the bill reached the senate Chamberlain, without solicitation, had the item increased to \$50,000.

"Senator Chamberlain has at all times shown himself to be friendly to Coos Bay. When delegations have been sent to Washington by the Chamber of Commerce, or other commercial bodies, as has been done in the past, Senator Chamberlain could always be relied on to give every assistance in his power. He has always arranged for desired meetings with committees of congress or the board of army engineers to enable us to present our projects in the best possible manner.

"I am confident that Senator Chamberlain, at the next session of congress, will have incorporated in the rivers and harbors bill an item of over \$2,000,000 for the restoration and extension of our north jetty and the building of our south jetty. He is in a splendid position to get those items into the bill for Coos Bay by the effect of being chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, a committee that passes on the great budget of army appropriations, and by the further fact that he is a member of the committee on rivers and harbors and is chairman of the sub-committee which passes on all rivers and harbors appropriations before the senate."

No Trace Found of Missing Contractor

Investigation Today Reveals to Detectives That Bert James Had Number of Creditors.

No trace of Bert James, teaming contractor of 1822 East Seventh street, has been found. Investigation yesterday and today by Detective Golts reveals that James had a large number of creditors, one of the heaviest being G. A. Nicol, merchant at Killingsworth and Albina avenues.

Detective Golts also located a man who was with James Saturday afternoon, when he purchased a new suit case and said he had ordered a new suit to be finished that day. Examination of the coat worn by James and found on the Ainsworth dock show the pocket was torn and a button torn off, apparently with care.

The theory of foul play has been abandoned, and the theory of suicide vanishes in additional circumstances surrounding the disappearance.

In the divorce case of James before the circuit court last May it is learned the stenographer's bill of about \$50 is unpaid and the decree is withheld until this is settled. It was brought out that James deserted a wife and child, Mrs. James, who lives in Spokane, where he remarried and later deserted the woman, coming to Portland.

Citizen Soldiers Return From Camp

Submerged Guardsmen Back From the Mountains at Coos Bay—Idaho Boys in Party Reaching This City.

Brown and submersed, citizen soldiers of Idaho and Oregon arrived from Gearhart today after a season of maneuvers at the seashore. The first train, loaded with cavalry, arrived at the North Bank depot shortly before 11 o'clock, and other trains came in during the morning and early afternoon.

The southern Idaho troop will go out over the O. W. R. & N. at midnight, and those for northern Idaho over the S. P. & S. about the same time. The Northern Pacific is taking the Willamette valley of the Coos Bay by the effect of being chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, a committee that passes on the great budget of army appropriations, and by the further fact that he is a member of the committee on rivers and harbors and is chairman of the sub-committee which passes on all rivers and harbors appropriations before the senate."

Portland Family in Lake Washington

Learmans, Cruising in Power Boat, Have Exciting Experience When Ferry Bumps Them.

Seattle, Wash., July 22.—When the power boat in which Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Learman and their son of Portland, and Earl Caldwell were riding, was struck by the Kipling ferry on Lake Washington, they were all thrown into the water except the little son, when the father threw onto the ferry. Mr. Learman threw out and rolled down the water. Silas Christoffersen, sailing over the lake in his hydro-aeroplane, started to the rescue of the Learmans but struck a snag and tipped two men overboard. All were saved.

The Learmans live at 514 Leo avenue.

Caught in Brush on Edge of Precipice

Canyonville, Or., July 22.—Harry Berry, son of a local garage proprietor, had a narrow escape from permanent injury, if not death, while going with his father in an auto to the scene of a breakdown in the canyon.

In turning a curve the machine struck a chuck hole, with the result that young Mr. Learman was thrown out and rolled down an embankment for some distance, only escaping a fall of nearly 100 feet by becoming entangled in some brush overhanging the precipitous edge of the creek bank. He escaped with a few bruises and minor cuts.

Parachute Did Not Work

Brussels, July 22.—A parachute with which he jumped from Aviator Champe's biplane failing to work, Mme. Cayat De Costella fell 1000 feet and was killed.

Club Women on Record for Library

Contest Expected for Position of Recording Secretary of Washington State Federation.

Raymond, Wash., July 22.—This morning's session of the Federation of Women's clubs of the state was given over to adoption of amendments to the constitution, reports of state officers and committees, and informal balloting for officers.

The office of first vice-president, held by Mrs. N. S. McCready of Snohomish, an appointee, will not be filled by election until next year. Her salary of \$250 will be the maximum sum loaned to students from the educational endowment fund. A contest will be waged over the office of recording secretary, some opposition having developed to the candidacy of Mrs. W. S. Griswold of Seattle for reelection.

A largely attended musical and reception was held in the Commercial and Elks clubs last night. The Raymond Commercial club being host to more than 350 visitors. A program was given under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Keator of Tacoma.

The convention yesterday by unanimous vote adopted a resolution favoring a new library commission. This measure was fostered by President McKee, who carried the convention by storm, sweeping all opposition before her by the force of her argument and eloquence.

Refuses to Dress To Appear in Court

Frank McWilliams, arrested yesterday for stealing a horse and buggy,

rather "slipped one over" up at the courthouse this morning when he undressed and refused absolutely to put on his clothes to appear in court. Jailors pleaded, urged, implored and exhorted, but to no avail. McWilliams was a habitual drunkard, and his September term appearance would not be countenanced in open court. Efforts of the jailers being unproductive of desired results, McWilliams was removed to the jail for observation while his case will come up in municipal court tomorrow morning if found mentally capable. A fight ensued and McWilliams was arrested yesterday.

Up at the detention room at the court house this morning he got into another fight with a prisoner and was removed to a cell pending the calling of his case. When the jailers came for him he was in his "birthday clothes."

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Autoist, Confused, Hit by Street Car

Inexperienced Driver Stalls Car, Then Forgets to Look Where He Is Going When He Starts.

C. J. Dippert of 25 East Fifty-second street, driving an automobile east on East Washington street, forgot to look north when crossing Grand avenue this morning, with the result that a southbound Montavilla car struck his machine and dented and he sustained injuries.

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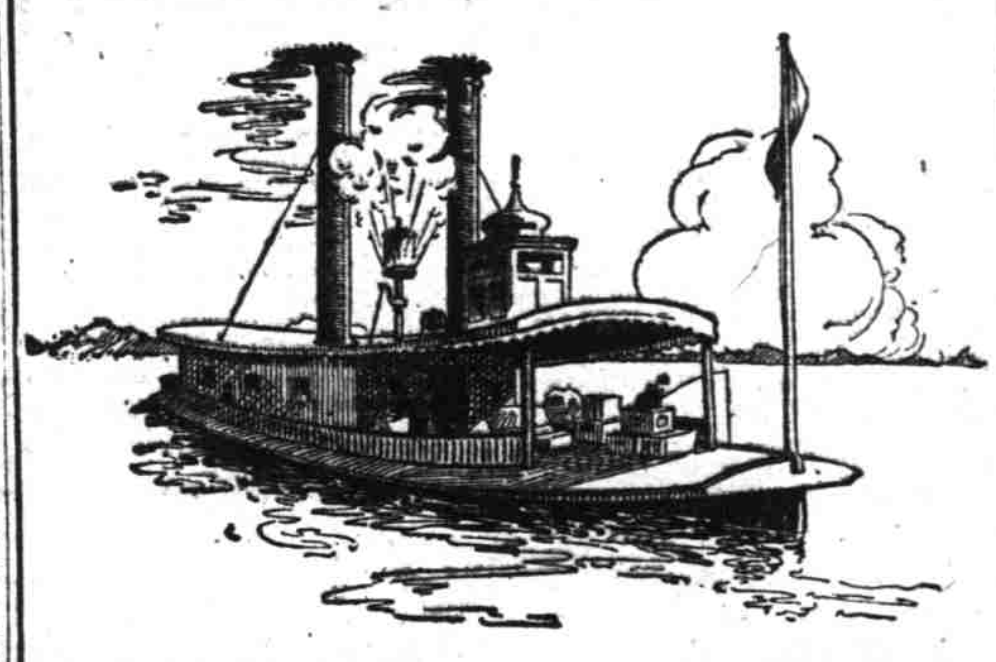
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