

LIGHTNING CAUSE OF MANY FOREST FIRES, OFFICIAL REPORTS

District Forester George H. Cecil Returns From Trip to Salmon River.

LARGE FORCE AT WORK

Lookout on Mount Hood Covers Large Area, Reporting Incipient Blazes Over Telephone to Stations.

A foe to forests more dreaded than the careless camper is out playing ordinary pranks on the dry mountainsides of Oregon.

Old Boss Lightning, bogie of the forest service, is adding new fires daily to the blazes already reported. Like sparks from steel on flint, the thunderbolts leap to the rocky cliffs and light the leaves and sticks, the needles of the pines and firs, that are now as dry as tinder.

After every match has been stamped out under cautious heel, after the last spark from pipe bowl has been put out, after the last smoldering whisper of smoke from expertly snuffed candles has disappeared, lightning in some form will mock the care of weeks and tax the strongest organization of government, state and private timber ownership.

New Fire on Sandy River.

A new fire was reported on Little Sandy river yesterday. There are two more at the head of the Clackamas river—one on Leavine mountain and another in the same vicinity.

A fire on Shillcock mountain backed up on the camp of the fire-fighters and burned them out, giving bare time for escape and leaving 40 men without supplies or equipment. It was reported as the Clackamas river. While weather became cloudy in Portland and a slight drizzle of rain came, weather around Mount Hood remained clear and hot, with a slight change in wind as the only encouragement.

A pack train under R. S. Shelley of the forest service, going in with supplies for the Salmon river fire-fighters, was overtaken. Where the stream forked and there was more width, the animals were led into the water and kept wet, both their bodies and their packs, while the fire burned clear up to the edge of the stream. Shelley, walking five miles back across burned ground, came in with feet badly blistered from the heat.

Berry-Pickers Suspected.

The Salmon river fire, thinks the forest service, must have been started by berry pickers, either whites or Indians, as there have been no thunder storms there. Both Shillcock and Salmon river fires are defying all efforts to control them, and are burning over thousands of acres of timber.

The fire at Bonney Butte above White River is under control. The Clear Lake fire is nearly out.

On the Columbia national forest, in Washington, on the Little White Salmon river 13 fires have been reported, with a big blaze in privately owned timber just outside of town.

In the Santiam forest there are eight fires.

Though the weather is unusually dry and thunder storms violent beyond precedent, the forest service has one basis of hope not possessed in former years.

Lookout on Mt. Hood.

On the peak of Mt. Hood is Lige Coalman. He is making observations almost every hour of daylight. Though clouds and mist may drift by, there are always hours when he can see out. At 5 o'clock in the morning it is almost always clear. Tiny fires may not be seen by him, but big fires are always themselves apparent. By getting quick reports, by holding men in readiness and with thorough organization, it is possible speedily to reach the fires and thus increase the chance of getting them under control.

On the Bull Run watershed a double patrol is being kept. Lookouts are on the alert. Coalman on Mt. Hood gives special attention to this area when comes Portland's water supply. Should a fire be reported anywhere on Bull Run watershed a small force would be fighting it in two hours, and a bigger force from Portland would be on the ground within four hours.

Interesting System Employed.

The system of locating the fires is interesting. Lige Coalman, on Mt. Hood, 11,225 feet above sea level, sees a smoke and reports its exact direction from him, using his telephone. Another lookout on a lower neighboring peak gets the message and if he has not seen the smoke, makes special observation. Then he reports its exact direction from him. In the central office the lines are run on a map and where they intersect will be found the fire.

District Forester George H. Cecil, who came in this morning from Salmon river, is directing the movements

Puget Sound Bees Victims of Malady Akin to Malaria

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 30.—(P. S. S.)—Half the bees of Puget sound region are dead today and those remaining are threatened by a mysterious malady which thus far has baffled scientists. So serious has the situation become that bee keepers of the state have appealed to the federal government for aid, fearing that unless a means of saving the bees is found the bee keeping industry in this section will be wiped out.

Professor Trevor Kincaid, of the department of Zoology at the University of Washington, declares that the disease is akin to malaria in that it is communicated through a germ but states that no one has been able to locate the germ.

ROGUE RIVER HAD BEST SEASON IN ITS HISTORY OF FISHING

Record Made Notwithstanding "War" Waged Between Two Factions.

Gold Beach, Or., Aug. 30.—The season just closed was the biggest fishing season known on Rogue river for years, in spite of the fact that there was a so-called fishing war.

The Wedderburn Trading company, the company operated by the Macleay estate of Portland, packed about 12,000 cases of salmon, which is the largest pack for many years past. The fishermen have all made money and Gold Beach and Wedderburn, the Rogue river towns, are now enjoying an unusual prosperity, due largely to the fishing and the sale of the wool clip and mutton and cattle.

George D. Wood, one of the owners of the Curry County Bank at Gold Beach, is authority for the statement that there is more money per capita on Rogue river than any other point on the coast.

The pay roll of the Macleay company has been very large, and Mr. Wood says that this has been an important factor in the present prosperity of the place.

The season is now closed until the tenth of September. From that time on until November 20, salmon can be caught and packed, but the fall fish are inferior to those caught during the season just closed. However, several thousand cases of the fall fish will be packed and sold as such.

The controversy between the two fishing companies has attracted the attention of the people all over southwestern Oregon. There has been no actual fighting or serious clashes, but the matter has been entirely one of business nature, and finally found its way into the courts.

Jomelli Is More Than Fine Singer

The Majestic theatre held capacity houses yesterday when Madame Jomelli opened her second week's engagement at the theatre singing "The Holy City," "Annie Laurie" and "The Last Rose of Summer." The singer is first and foremost an exceptional artist, but she manages to combine her best singing with a something more intelligent than charm that also pleases the audience. She seems to understand perfectly the art of entertaining as well as the art of singing, a combination that is almost unique among women singers of the big artist stamp.

The feature film is "The Second Command," played by the very good looking Travis Bushman and Marguerite Snow. It is a stirring story of love and war, with a villain, a battle, a few heart aches and a lovely tableau dimly shown in the finale, with the sad sea waves as a background.

Several Small Fires Reported.

District Forester Cecil received reports this morning by long distance telephone that there are several small fires in the Crater national forest, southern Oregon, and one large fire in the vicinity of Butte Falls. In northern Washington, the vicinity of Bellingham, there has been little trouble, and good rain fell generally over the district last night.

COMMISSION CAN'T GIVE MONEY TO FIX FAIR GROUND ROAD

Attorney General Brown Says Neither County Nor State Can Improve Street.

SALEM, OR., AUG. 30.—

That the state highway commission has no authority to give \$2000 toward the improvement of the street within the city limits of Salem, known as the Fair Grounds road, was the ruling of Attorney General Brown today. He declared that neither the county nor the state has any legal right to improve city streets.

The highway commission had some time ago announced its intention of giving \$2000 toward the improvement of next year's state highway funds, the plan being to have local capitalists advance money for the improvement this year, and have the state reimburse them next year.

Aid was asked of the highway commission because property values adjacent to the street are low, and the owners could not see their way clear to improve the street. The plan, under the proposed arrangement the city, the highway commission and the property owners were to pay for the improvement.

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Eight-Pound Boy Arrives at Home Of Roadmaster

Roadmaster Yeon was a few minutes late in arriving at his office this morning. There was a reason. He was delayed by the appearance of an eight-pound boy at his home last night.

"Mother and child doing well," said he, "and what do you think, the first question the new arrival asked was, 'Is the Columbia river highway open yet?'"

Mr. Yeon's family now consists of three sons and one daughter.

BOAT GOES UP RIVER AS FAR AS HANFORD FOR LOAD OF FREIGHT

"Twin Cities" Takes on Big Cargo En Route and Shippers Are Pleased.

Kennewick, Wash., Aug. 30.—For the first time since the opening of the Cello canal and the inauguration of boat service on the Columbia river here a large boat of The Dalles Columbia line has made a trip for the purpose of carrying freight up the river. The Kennewick cargo included 190 cases of Kennewick gold medal grape juice for Los Angeles, an automobile for Portland and a team and wagon for The Dalles and 35 passengers for down river points.

The cargo was varied and was composed mostly of farm products.

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DEEP SEA FISHING COMPANY PLANNED, IT IS NOW REPORTED

Macleay Estate of Portland Said to Be Interested in New Local Enterprise.

Port Orford, Or., Aug. 30.—It is understood that the cold-storage plant in this city owned by the Macleay estate of Portland will probably be turned in for stock in a big company which is to be organized in Portland for the purpose of operating deep-sea fishing on a large scale on the Oregon and Washington coast.

The company is to be incorporated for \$100,000, and it is said that \$65,000 of this amount has already been subscribed by prominent Portland men. The plan is to have stations at Coos Bay, Port Orford, possibly Rogue River and at other seaports of the Oregon coast, where fish caught can be put in cold storage and later carried to Portland as the central distributing point. It is claimed that there is a big market for deep-sea fresh fish, and by operating cold-storage plants at different stations on the coast the company could thus get the benefits of the many fishing grounds. The plan, when carried out, will give employment to many fishermen, and the operations will not be confined to any one point. It is also said that the company will in the cold-storage plant at this place, and it is said possibly also the cold-storage plant at Rogue River, for stock in the new enterprise.

K. J. McQuarrie, manager of the Macleay Estate company, said today that he had not heard of the proposed organization of a big deep-sea fishing company in Portland. R. L. Macleay, president of the estate company, is now at Wedderburn, Or., where the estate has a salmon cannery.

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Dress Reformer Causes Little Stir

"What's the Idea?" asked the crowd on Broadway yesterday, when Miss

Fannie Harley, advocate of dress reform for women, came out of the Portland hotel and walked to the Empress, where she attended the matinee. Her costume included a species of trousers and a picture hat. Although they may have been comfortable, her shoes were criticised by those claiming to know the latest thing in shoes, as being passe to the extent of two or three years. Miss Harley claims that she is not seeking to become a sensation, but to aid women toward their mental and bodily liberation.

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