CONTRACTS LET ON FORCE ACCOUNTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY WORK

Warren Construction Co. Will Build Roads in Clatsop, Wheeler and Gilliam.

BIDS EXCEED ESTIMATES

Work Will Be Done Under Supervision of State Highway Engineer—Profit Will Be 10 Per Cent.

After considerable discussion the state highway department has entered into a contract with the Warren Construction company for macadamizing 25 miles of road in Clatsop, Wheeler and Gilliam counties and 2½ miles of grading in Clackamas county. The work is to be done by force account, the state paying the contractor the cost of labor and material and a 10 per cent profit on the same.

Cost Estimated at $150,000

The contract is on the same line adopted by the national government in ship construction. It is a new departure in state road work and the outcome will be looked for with considerable interest.

For a long time the contractor held out for a 12 per cent profit.

According to the estimate of the state highway engineer, the cost of the work will approximate $150,000.

"At first," said Chairman Benson of the state highway commission today, "we did not like the idea of paying a profit on material, but after figuring, we found that only a small amount of material would be used. We were also unable to fix an ultimate cost amount for the reason that when the work is in progress there will be found places where we can save by slight change of alignment and other modifications. We, therefore, adopted the plan adopted by the government in building ships."

Highway Engineer to Supervise

The work is to be done under the supervision of the state highway engineer. Provision is made for cancellation of the contract at any time in the discretion of the highway commission.

The work was submitted to competitive bids August 7, but the only bidder was the Warren Construction company whose figures were considered too high. The bids were rejected and a tentative agreement was made to do the work on a force account basis, paying the Warren Construction company cost plus 12 per cent profit. An agreement, however, could not be reached on details until Friday when it was finally decided that a 10 per cent profit would be paid.

Bids Exceed Estimate

The work includes macadamizing 15½ miles of the lower Columbia river highway in Clatsop county between Swenson and Westport; macadamizing nine miles of the John Day highway in Wheeler and Gilliam counties and grading 2½ miles of the Pacific highway in Clackamas county.

When the bids were called for August 7 the bid of the Warren Construction company was as follows: Clatsop county, $124,576; Wheeler and Gilliam counties, $43,523; Clackamas county, $33,125, or a total of $200,224. The estimate of the engineer was $146,000, approximately, as follows:

Clatsop county, $84,737; Wheeler and Gilliam counties, $35,714; Clackamas county, $25,550.

Hoover Names Four State Food Heads

Washington, Aug. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Four new state food administrators were named today by Herbert C. Hoover, head of the national food administration, making the total of state leaders 32. The new appointees are Dr. Henry J. Waters, Manhattan, Kan.; Professor Leon S. Merrill, Orono, Maine; Dr. Edwin F. Ladd, Fargo, N. D., and Dr. David R. Coker, Hartsville, N. C.

Juveniles Are Too Free With Rifles; Parents Notified

Unless the government steps in and takes over the fortified encampment located back of 862 Kearney street, making its occupants part of the national army, a demobilization is due to take place in the near future, according to the officials of the juvenile court.

The police have received complaints from residents in the neighborhood of the cantonment that the embryo soldiers were using the streets for target ranges and that bullets from .22 rifles were kicking up dust spots at various intervals along the range.

Parents have been notified and have agreed to withdraw their patriotic and youthful offspring from active service.

Treat your beauty fairly—*keep your skin clear with* **Resinol**

No matter how pretty your features are, you cannot be truly attractive with a red, rough, pimply complexion. But Resinol Ointment, aided by Resinol Soap, will usually make poor skins clear, fresh and charming.

Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment are sold by all druggists. Why not try them?

Returns From Walk, Dies in Few Hours

Mrs. Joseph St. Mary, 41 Years Old, Dies a Victim of Tuberculosis—Coroner Will Hold Autopsy.

Mrs. Joseph St. Mary, 41 years old, died at her home, 231½ Market street, at 3 o'clock this morning, of tuberculosis, from which she had been a sufferer for the past 15 years.

Mrs. St. Mary was found unconscious by her husband after they had returned from a walk. Mr. St. Mary left the house for a few minutes, and on his return found her lying on the bed. Dr. Charles Hill was called, but she did not regain consciousness. The body was taken in charge by the coroner's office an autopsy will be held this afternoon. She is survived by her husband.

Mrs. E. E. Olson

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the A. D. Kenworthy parlors, in Lents, for Mrs. Elvie Elmeda Olson, wife of A. B. Olson and mother of E. L. and Grace Olson. Rev. F. M. Jasper officiating. Mrs. Olson was 60 years of age, a native of Iowa and had resided in Lents for the past eight years. Interment was in Multnomah cemetery.

Robert J. Barron

The body of Robert James Barron, son of James T. and Elizabeth Barron, the young aviator who was drowned in attempting to rescue a comrade at Lessington, Pa., will arrive in Portland Tuesday and arrangements for the funeral will be announced by the Edward Holman Undertaking company.

Carl W. Foster

The funeral of Carl Wilbur Foster, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Foster, 1001 Macadam street, who was drowned Friday, will be held at the Holman parlors, Third and Salmon streets, Monday at 1 p. m., and interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

Mrs. F. H. Hawley

Mrs. F. H. Hawley, aged 75, a native of Michigan and a resident of Oregon for over 20 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Rohebaugh, 704 Wygant street, Friday. Mrs. Hawley was the mother of C. B. Hawley, Galesburg, Ill.; C. H. Hawley, Quincy, Ill.; Mrs. Nettie H. Crossley, Whitefish, Mont., and Mrs. Rohebaugh. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Ericson company, 444 Morrison street. It is expected that interment will be in Galesburg, Ill.

Mrs. Lucy Cain

Mrs. Lucy Cain, aged 66, a native of Alabama, died at her residence, 135 North Tenth street, Friday. She is survived by her son, William H. Cain. Mrs. Cain had resided in Portland for the past six years. Funeral services will be held at the Finley chapel, Fifth and Montgomery streets, Monday at 2:30 p. m., and interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

WOMAN INDICTED ON CHARGE OF SENDING OUT POISON IN CANDY

Federal Grand Jury Returns Batch of Indictments; Espionage Charge Holds One

Edna Gregory of Pendleton was indicted by the federal grand jury Friday on a charge of sending poisoned candy to May Clark with intent to kill. The indictment alleges that Mrs. Gregory sent a box of candy to Mrs. Clark August 9, because she was jealous of the attentions her husband is said to have paid Mrs. Clark.

George W. France of Ten Mile was indicted on an espionage charge. He is said to have printed pamphlets seeking to discourage young men from enlisting.

Other indictments and charges are: Herman Schreiber, circulating improper literature; Clifford S. Weaver, slacker; Nick Cozones and Kosto Christ, introducing liquor on the Klamath Indian reservation; Peter Sosic, slacker; John T. Combs, slacker; George von Moltke Ellsworth, slacker; Claude F. Fields, slacker; J. M. Carlisle, postoffice robbery; Frank Pellissier, stealing postal funds; Earl Thompson, stealing postal funds; Jack Palmer, selling liquor to Indians; William Milton, selling liquor to Indians; Tom Dees, slacker; William Harris, perjury.

Conciliaton Board Elects Its Officers

W. B. Ayer Is Chosen President and C. P. Howard, Secretary — Chairman Be Reached at 431 N. W. Bank Bldg.

The state board of conciliation recently appointed by the governor held its first meeting at the public library Thursday. W. B. Ayer was elected chairman of the board and Charles P. Howard, secretary. The board was formed to adjust disputes between employers and employes of Oregon and maintain industrial peace, if possible, throughout the state, to the end that the nation's resources may be most effectively placed behind the national government in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion.

The board consists of W. B. Ayer, Franklyn T. Griffith, B. W. Sleeman, Vernon Haybarker, J. M. Dougan, Joseph Reid, J. R. Bowles, J. R. Rhodes, C. H. Leadbetter and Charles P. Howard. Now that permanent organization has been effected, the board stands ready to serve in any proper capacity for which it was formed. The chairman of the board may be reached at room 431 Northwestern Bank building or the secretary at Room 302, Oregonian building.

Driver Is Blamed

The Southern Pacific company calls the attention of the county commissioners to the near running down of a county sprinkler wagon near Shattuck, August 17, and alleges that the driver did not heed the admonition to "Stop, look, listen." More care is urged at crossings.

Selling Out

Our Fourth street store, 118,000 sheets of music, popular and classic, vocal and instrumental. Eight sheets for 25c. Everything else reduced. Ellers Music House. Temporary entrance, 153 Fourth street, or through Shoe Store, 151 Fourth street, also 255 Morrison street.—(Adv.)

LOCAL CRAFTSMEN SHOULD GET WORK FIRST, THE SLOGAN

Builders' Exchange Enters on Campaign Which Is Designed to Help Home Men.

SITUATION IS SUMMED UP

O. G. Hughson, Manager of the Exchange, Shows Just How Home Patronage Idea Would Aid the City.

"Give local craftsmen first chance at your work."

Such is the slogan of a newly organized campaign by the Builders' Exchange.

The exchange is presenting the idea to the people of the city with much the same spirit as prompted campaigns under the slogans: "Buy a Home First" and "Patronize Home Industry." "We have a fine lot of craftsmen that we ought to keep in the city," declared O. G. Hughson, manager of the exchange.

"I have investigated a number of building construction, alteration and repair enterprises lately, and have been startled to find how many times our people go out of town for their craftsmen.

All Business Benefited

"Yet the employment of local craftsmen helps every form of Portland business.

"The building owner rents them shops, stores and houses. The telephone companies rent them telephones. The water bureau sells them water for home, lawn, garden and shop. The gas company installs a range and heater and sells them gas. The electric company has them as customers for light and power. The fuel companies take their toll every fall as they fill their basements with wood and coal. The insurance companies insure their property and their lives. The grocers, butchers, bakers and dry goods merchants are glad to get them on their books as permanent customers. They put their funds in the local banks. They send their children to the public schools. They pay taxes and are altogether desirable citizens. Frequently they have a sizable office payroll aside from their labor payroll.

Patronage is Merited

"They make outlays in many directions and merit patronage more than the 'fly by night,' 'curbstone,' 'carpet bag' and 'operator' who is here today and gone tomorrow, who gets while the getting is good and then gets out.

"The people our citizens should be most interested in and should support are those whose names are in the city and telephone directories year after year and whose credit standing is good on the books of Portland merchants.

"Every property owner, merchant, doctor or lawyer having interest in Portland would be permanently benefited if, when they have work to be done, they took care to see that their plumbers, carpenters, painters, steamfitters, masons and contractors are also permanently located here, have shops and fixed places of business which they either own or rent."

Hotel Man Fined for Violating Dry Law

Charles Clemens Assessed $150 on Two Counts, Charged With Receiving Liquor—Storing in Hotel Basement.

Charles Clemens, proprietor of the Victorial hotel at Broadway and Glisan street, was fined $150 in District Judge Bell's court this morning for violation of the prohibition law. Clemens was fined on two counts, one for receiving liquor from D. E. Stevens, a Pullman car conductor on the Southern Pacific, and the other for having whiskey stored in the basement of his hotel.

Clemens was arrested Friday with H. C. Schroeder, by Deputy Sheriffs Phillips, Christofferson, Hurlburt and Hardin, with a suit case full of liquor in his possession.

Schroeder is the proprietor of a confectionery store on the west side. Both he and Clemens revealed to the district attorney's office the inner workings of a ring of whiskey smugglers operating on the trains running between here and California.

Wholesale smuggling of liquor from San Francisco by Pullman employes is the substance of the statements made to District Attorney Evans by the two captured bootleggers.

As an immediate result of the confessions, D. E. Stevens, a Pullman car conductor, and R. W. Winn, a porter, were taken into custody.

City May Permit Building of Oil Tank

Commissioner Bigelow Recommends That Request of Union Oil Co., for Limited Plant Shall Be Granted.

The Union Oil company is to be permitted to erect two oil tanks at its plant in Linnton provided the city council follows recommendations of C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance and head of the fire bureau. The company wants to erect a 6000 tank and a smaller one.

A special permit is necessary owing to the fact that city ordinances prohibit the erection of oil tanks within the city limits. The oil plant was established, however, before Linnton became a part of Portland, and Bigelow believes that the company should be permitted to erect the tanks under certain safety restrictions.

Major Reed Is Chosen

Washington, Aug. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Major Alvin C. Reed was today designated commander of the second officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. He was a senior instructor in the first camp. Major Reed was chosen after General Glenn had recommended Colonel Gignilliat, because the latter already had been assigned to a post in the national army.

Ordered to Active Duty

G. Lane Goodell, recently commissioned first lieutenant in the field artillery, has received orders to report for active duty on August 29. He left for the east on the 7 o'clock train Thursday evening. Lieutenant Goodell has lived in Portland nearly all his life. He received his military training in the Presidio. It is probable he will be sent to France soon.

County to Appeal For Oil Supplies

Cost of Transforming the Heating Plant at Court House From Oil to Other Fuel Would Be $2000.

An appeal will be made by the county commissioners to the Union Oil company, the Standard Oil company and the Associated Oil company to furnish sufficient oil to operate the heating plant at the court house.

Superintendent of Properties W. A. Eatchel reported to the commissioners Friday that it would cost the county $2000 to transform the heating plant at the court house for fuel other than oil.

It is estimated that 22,000 barrels of oil a year are used to heat the county building. The cost ranges around $25,000 a year.

If it becomes necessary to use coal the commissioners state that the expense will be at least half again as much.

The three oil companies will be asked to furnish one third apiece of the necessary amount of oil for the building.

Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the commissioners, said that in view of the increased expense involved and the fact that the county was an essential part of the government, he thought a provision might be made by the oil companies to except the court house from their refusal to deliver any more oil for fuel.

Comforts Supplied To Soldiers at Front

Red Cross Sets Aside $700,000 for Rest Stations and Canteens for the American Troops in France.

Rest stations and canteens will be established at once in France for the benefit of the French and American troops.

Shower baths, laundries, mending and disinfecting rooms will be opened. Rest rooms where the soldiers may read and write will also be at the disposal of the soldiers. Stores carrying tinned delicacies, tobacco, etc., will be located convenient to the men. At the depots similar stations will be maintained. Hot meals will be provided at a figure slightly above cost.

It is estimated that nearly 50,000 soldiers are passing through 11 of these stations daily.

Field canteens will be located just behind the firing line. Refreshing drinks are carried right into the front trenches.

The conveniences are being supplied by the Red Cross and to meet the expense for the first three months the sum of $700,000 has been set aside.

Club Women Behind One Delivery Plan

Support Pledged Government and Shoppers Urged to Patronize Merchants Who Adopt System.

A meeting of housewives and prominent club women was held at the auditorium of Meier & Frank's store Friday to discuss the one-delivery-a-day plan, as requested by the National Council of Defense.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved, that we, the women of Portland and of the state of Oregon, do hereby pledge our unqualified support to the federal government, and we do here and now demand as shoppers and representatives of the buying public, that all retail establishments anticipating business from the women of Oregon, shall follow closely the order of the government relative to one delivery a day, and other regulations as set forth by the National Council of Defense."

Surplus Animals at Park Will Be Sold

City Will Dispose of Some of Stock at Washington Park Zoo at Public Auction on Monday.

Surplus animals in Washington park zoo are to lose their happy home, some probably to join the circus, others to go to other zoos and others liberated in the national forests. Monday all of them will know their fate.

The city holds an auction sale that day and expects to dispose of surplus elk, buffalo, deer, monkeys and other animals and birds. The circus is to be here then and the city expects to receive bids from it. The sale will be conducted by Assitsant Purchasing Agent McIntosh.

Canada's Draft Bill To Be Law Shortly

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—The military service (conscription) bill will receive royal assent Tuesday afternoon, according to present plans, it was announced today. This is the last act in making it law.

Husband Accuses Wife

Edwin Thornquist, in his complaint for divorce, filed this morning, alleges that his wife, Rose N. Thornquist, is of a roving and unsettled disposition. He avers that to please her he had to sell his home and travel around the country.

All Accommodating

From the Philadelphia Record.

"Have you any late trains out here?" asked the prospective purchaser.

"Sure," replied the suburban real estate agent. "All our trains are generally late."

How to Lose Your Tan, Freckles or Wrinkles

A day's moforing, an afternoon on the tennis ground or golf links, a sunbath on the beach or exposure on a lake trip, often brings on a deep tan or vivid crimson or, more perplexing still, a vigorous crop of freckles. A very necessary thing then is mercolized wax, which removes tan, redness or freckles quite easily. It literally peels off the affected skin—just a little at a time, so there's no hurt or injury. As the skin comes off in almost invisible flaky particles, no trace of the treatment is shown. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's and use this nightly as you would cold cream, washing it off mornings. In a week or so you will have an entirely new skin, beautifully clear, transparent and of a most delicate whiteness.

Wrinkles, so apt to form at this season, may be easily and quickly removed by bathing the face in a solution of powdered saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel, ½ pint. This is not only a valuable astringent, but has a beneficial tonic effect also.—Ad.

HOOVER'S AIM IS TO STABILIZE NOT DISTURB BUSINESS CONDITIONS

W. B. Ayer Gets Letter Confirming His Appointment as Food Commissioner.

In a letter from Herbert C. Hoover received by W. B. Ayer, confirming his appointment as federal food commissioner for Oregon, the nation's food conservation chief gave a concise summary of the food administration's aims.

In this letter Mr. Hoover also expresses his confidence in the patriotism and the loyal support of the people of Oregon in the administration's great task of conserving the nation's food supplies.

"The hopes of the food administration are three-fold," says Mr. Hoover. "First, so to guide the trade in the fundamental food commodities as to eliminate vicious speculation, extortion and wasteful practices; second, so to guard our exports that against the world's shortage, we retain sufficient supplies for our own people and to cooperate with the allies to prevent inflation of prices; and third, that we stimulate in every manner within our power the saving of our food in order that we may increase exports to our allies to a point which will enable them properly to provision their armies and to feed their peoples during the coming winter.

"The food administration is called into being to stabilize, and not to disturb conditions, and to defend honest enterprise against illegitimate competition. It has been devised to correct the abnormalities and abuses that have crept into trade by reason of the world disturbance and to restore business as far as may be, to a reasonable basis."

Portland Consumers Aiding Conservation

People Undergoing Sacrifice to Meet War Crisis, Says Mr. Ayer—Surplus Fruit and Vegetables Being Canned.

Food conservation advice is beginning to tell.

Portland consumers are responding well to the suggestions issued by W. B. Ayer, National Food Administrator Hoover's representative in Portland.

Among the suggestions are:

Eat less meat daily and observe one meatless day each week.

Eat as little bread as possible, using substitutes which will tend to conserve the flour supply.

Eat generously of fruit and vegetables.

Mr. Ayer said:

"Portland people are beginning to realize that they can render a good service to the nation by joining in the program of food conservation. In some instances which have been brought to my attention families have already commenced to regulate their household purchases in keeping with the advice of Food Administrator Hoover.

"The spirit of economy is prevalent. People are demonstrating a willingness to undergo personal sacrifice to meet the demands of the war crisis.

"Housewives are practicing the rule of conservation by taking care of their perishable goods and home canning of fruits and vegetables is being resorted to in a commendable manner."

Band Concert at Washington Park

The municipal band concert Sunday afternoon will be given at Washington park, beginning at 3 o'clock. The program will be as follows:

"War March of the Priests," from "Athalia".....F. Mendelssohn
Overture—"Mignon".....A. Thomas
Ephonium solo (air varie)—"Gloriioso".....L. Montague
Robert E. Tait
Serenato Egyptienne—"Amina"....
.....Paul Lincke
Suite—"Peer Gynt".....E. Grieg
"The Morning."
"Ase's Death."
"Anitra's Dance."
"In the Hall of the Mountain King."
INTERMISSION
Selection from opera "Doris".....
.....Alf. Cellier
"Dance of the Hours".....Ponchielli
Vocal selections—"I Called you My Sweetheart".....Monaco
"Goodbye Broadway, Hello France".....Baskette
Monte Austin
Scotch melodies—"Reminiscences of Scotland".....Fred Godfrey
Finale....."The Star Spangled Banner"

TROOPS GUARD FORESTS FROM THE FIREBUGS

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The arguments advanced were seen at once by those officials and Colonel Dentler, commanding the Oregon district, was then called.

Quick Action Is Taken

Orders were consequently sent out to Colonel May, commanding the third battalion, to get his men in readiness. A provost guard immediately left Camp Withycombe and worked the streets all evening, picking up such men as were to be found off duty and hurrying them back to camp. As a result the streets were almost clear of soldiers last evening for the first time in many weeks.

The patrol is to be of the most scrutinizing kind. Men on motorcycles and horses, others on foot are to visit every section. They started today from 10 distinct places for their patrol station. Seargent's with four men each are to be out with camp kits and supplies by which they will be enabled to be on guard almost continuously.

— Reports Are Favorable

Reports received are generally favorable.

With little wind the fire fighters are making excellent progress in their work and a slight rain would make checking of the various fires certain.

Reports from Hood River are that while the smoke is dense the fire is gaining no headway, and should shortly be under control. Columbia county reports good progress and control secured.

After two days' hard fighting the forest fire which has been threatening the Bull Run watershed, the source of Portland's water supply, is now under control. Reports to this effect were received by John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities, from Ben Morrow, in charge of the city's forces near Bull Run lake.

The fire which started west of Hood River, swept a portion of the slope on the northeast side of Bull Run lake just outside of the reserve. A force of 85 men, including a large number of city employes sent from the lake, fought the fire two days and got it under control this morning. No damage has yet been done to the watershed.

FIGHTERS, NOT PATROL GUARDS, ARE NEEDED TO HANDLE SITUATION

Salem, Or., Aug. 25.—State Forester F. A. Elliott declares today that the mere sending of soldiers into the forests with instructions to "shoot to kill" anybody caught setting fires to the timber will not be sufficient to adequately cope with the situation which confronts the state at the present time.

"Men are needed for actual fire fighting," he said. "They are needed to put the fires which are now burning under control. In Polk county there is need for 500 men to properly handle the dangerous Black Rock fire."

He said there was need for more men in Columbia county and in other districts.

Idea Not Approved

Mr. Elliott said he wanted Governor Withycombe to ask for troops for fire fighting, but neither the governor nor the military authorities would approve of the idea.

More than 600 fire wardens are now in the woods, said Mr. Elliott, and they have not been able to catch anyone setting incendiary fires.

Deputy Fire Warden Rice of Washington county reported to Mr. Elliott today that several new fires have been started near the line between Washington and Yamhill counties. The fires are mostly in timber on O. & C. railroad grant lands, the warden reported.

Governor Withycomba Friday night directed Adjutant General White to ask the war department for soldiers for patrol duty in the Oregon forests as a means of putting a stop to incendiary fires which are developing in many counties.

This action of the governor is a reversal of the position he took Thursday, when he refused to take such action on the request of State Forester F. A. Elliott. Representatives of the timber interests communicated with the governor, confirming the state forester's presentation of the seriousness of the situation.

Governor Takes Up Situation

The governor then took the matter up with Adjutant General White, requesting him to confer with Colonel Dentler of the army and with timber men. The result was General White recommended the calling for troops.

As the state troops have been taken over by the government, the governor has no authority himself to order the soldiers into the field, but must present his request to the war department.

The number of soldiers which will be asked for was left to General White and Colonel Dentler. The governor said it was not intended to use the soldiers to fight forest fires, but to perform patrol duty in an effort to put a stop to incendiarism.

Government May Take Charge

If the war department complies with the request, it will mean that the federal government will take a hand in a situation which is getting beyond the control of state authorities.

Minam Forest Fire Subdued

Baker, Or., Aug. 25.—Returning Friday afternoon from the Minam river fire, Supervisor Barnes of the Minam national forest, reported the blaze which resisted the efforts of the fire fighters for several days now under control, but that approximately 640 acres of timber was burned over before the fire's progress was stopped. Other fires in that district are all reported under control and the situation is the best in ten days, although more trouble is feared from camping parties and hunters just beginning to flock to the forests for vacations. Extra men are being held in reserve for use at any point where needed and forest officials are cooperating with Warden Palmer in taking added precautions for the most dangerous season now approaching.

Blue Haze Over The Dalles

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 25.—Blue haze floats over the city as a result of dozens of forest fires in southeastern Washington. The red glow from many fires can be seen at night on the Washington side of the Columbia. The Dalles has been clouded for several days from the smoke of burning forests.

Fire Fighters Accused

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 25.—Rumors heard here are that a part of the large number of forest fires now being reported in this county are the work of fire fighters themselves. One man formerly engaged in fighting the fires stated that men are now setting fires deliberately in order to prolong their employment. Local officials admitted such a motive is possible.

The forestry service has 50 men employed and the Douglas County Fire Patrol association has an equal number. But two serious fires are burning in the county at present, one in forest reserve at White Rock and one along the highway in Cow Creek canyon. The latter fire has done considerable damage to the telephone line.

About 50 fires are burning in the county. They are mostly brush fires, doing little damage to timber.

Burn to Be Burned Out

Bend, Or., Aug. 25.—To eliminate the possibility of future fires in the Square Lake section, where the biggest timber fire of the season has been burned over in the last three days, foresters are planning to fire out the entire tract now enclosed by trenches, as there is still much inflammable material untouched by flames. The situation in the Deschutes national forest is well in hand, although dense smoke is seriously hampering the work of lookouts.

Nehalem Hills Blazing

Warren, Or., Aug. 25.—Forest fires are burning fiercely in the Nehalem hills and the smoke is so thick that objects are scarcely visible 100 feet distant. More than 50 men are fighting the spread of the flames, which already have done many thousands of dollars damage.

Fire in Blue Mountains

La Grande, Or., Aug. 25.—Forty men are engaged in fighting a forest fire raging in the Blue mountains near Kamela, northwest of this city. The fire is burning in three places over a front of nearly a mile and because of the unusually dry weather it is feared that the blaze may become serious before it can be controlled.

Idaho Situation Bad

Lewiston, Idaho, Aug. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Forest fires continue to burn with litle headway made to check the gradual spreading toward the valuable timber, especially the Lochsa forestr of white pine, said to be the largest bodies of such timber in the United States.

Reports received at the forestry office are to the effect that the fire near Adair is still spreading and threatened the timber on the Deep Creek side of the divide in the Bitter Root mountains. Fires in the Clear Creek and Turkey Creek sections, partly burned over in 1910, were reported under control. Uncontrolled fires reported to the district forester's office include two on Bear Creek, in the Selway forest; fires at Lochsa and Elk summit in the Selway forest; a small fire west of Everett in the Flathead forest of Montana, and a blaze near Gold Creek.

Baker Theatre Will Reopen on Sept. 30

Alcazar Players Will Present "Hit-the-Trail Holliday," a George M. Cohan Broadway Success.

The Alcazar players will open at the Baker theatre September 30 in "Hit-the-Trail Holliday," George M. Cohan Broadway success. As leading woman Manager Seaman announces Edith Montell, popular in eastern stock companies. Edward Everett Horton, late of the Poli stock companies of Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., will be leading man, while Miss Barnicoat will join the company as second woman, and William Shakespeare as juvenile. Members of last season's company who will reappear on the Alcazar programs are Will Lloyd, Laura Rogers, George Webster, George R. Taylor and Henry Norman.

The Baker theatre will be renovated and redecorated to house the interesting aggregation of players, who are to be seen in plays popular in Manhattan last season. "Common Clay," Jane Cowl's big success, will be the second offering, to be followed by "The Man Who Stayed Home."

New Rule in City Auditing Advocated

A. L. Barbour, commissioner of public works, thinks that the city auditor should audit all the books of the city and the various departments should have their bookkeeping done by the auditor's forces. He is asking the city council to appoint a committee representing the various departments to transfer the departmental auditing to the auditor's office.

Several of the departments keep check on their own accounts employing clerks and bookkeepers to do this work. Barbur believes that the work should be centralized and done by the auditor's forces.

Hindoo Says He Is Student, Not Plotter

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Declaring that he is innocent of connection with the Hindu revolution conspiracy, Taraknath Das, indicted as a conspirator, placed an application for a reduction of his $10,000 bail before the federal court today. He was arrested yesterday on arrival from Japan.

Das was former fellow in political economics at the University of Washington and was a student at the University of California. He claims he went to Europe to study, and not to plot against British rule in India, as the government alleges.

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TODAY, LAST DAY

PAULINE FREDERICK

IN

"Her Better Self"

A FEATURE DE LUXE

STARTING TOMORROW—

LYRIC THEATRE

"War on 3 Fronts"

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