

ONE FOREST FIRE REPORTED TO DATE

(Chronicle's Salem Bureau)
SALEM, Or., June 30.—It isn't the tenderfoot from the east that is a menace to Oregon forests through carelessness with camp fires, but rather that native Oregonian who has lived in or near the timber all his life, according to F. A. Elliot, state forester.

However, only one forest fire has been reported this season, and that not a bad one.

Why Eastern campers set fewer fires than Westerners is not easily accounted for.

The state forester avers that the natives who have lived all their lives among the trees, and who have been taught to believe that Oregon's forests are inexhaustible are first and most frequent offenders against the fire laws.

Citing figures relative to timber fire losses in recent years, the state forester shows that in 1917 the loss was \$97,000, while the loss in 1918, other buildings and saved lumber was \$1,044,000. In 1919 the loss on improvements, \$158,525, was less than that on green timber, \$734,000, lightning having started a number of forest fires that year.

In 1920 the improvement loss was \$116,000 and the timber loss only \$14,000.

Due to heavy rains last fall and winter, the forestry department has begun the present fire guarding season under some handicap caused by slashing conditions. Because of extremely wet weather it was impossible to burn slashings last fall. The let-down in the lumber market also had something to do with this many lumbermen making no attempt to clean up as they would have done under normal conditions.

More money is available this year than last. The new Weeks law provides \$25,000 in federal money for fire fighting use as against only \$750 last year. It is the plan of the state department to spend about \$20,000 this year in fire prevention and to save about \$500 for spring operations.

The department keeps 24 fire wardens regularly throughout the season, and in addition a number of camp wardens who have police power. They have authority to assume charge in any fire emergency.

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HARDING OPPOSED

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ions necessary to keep faith." Weeks regards the provision as a "violation of contract with enlisted men."

President Harding's message was his first serious disagreement with congressional leaders. The message was an outspoken document.

ANGLO-JAP TREATY QUESTION POSTPONED

By United Press
LONDON, June 30.—A long postponement of the attempt to settle the question of the new Anglo-Jap treaty is contemplated, according to reports emanating from good authority. This delay will enable the colonial premiers to return to their respective cabinets, or even to obtain a referendum from their people, if necessary, regarding proposals to be made by the imperial conference.

DENIES THAT JAPAN WANTS MEXICAN BASE

By United Press
NOGALES, Ariz., June 30.—Japan is not negotiating through Esteban Cantu for the acquisition of five million dollars' worth of land near Turtle bay.

This was the vigorous assertion of Joaquin Terrazas, Mexican consul here, in contradiction to a report by an American secret service operative made yesterday at San Francisco. The report was to the effect that Japan was attempting to control the coast of Baja California by purchasing vast areas of land from the Mexican government.

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Uncle John's Jests

I'M BETTING THE OLD WOMAN IN THE SHOE WAS HAPPY BECAUSE SHE HAD SO MANY THINGS TO DO.



HE LEADS AGAINST MIDDLEMEN



AARON SAPIRO

Aaron Sapiro, of California, was not content with his big work in the West in the legal guidance to California's 16 cooperative marketing associations, so he answered the call of the South and has just succeeded in uniting growers of ten states into a gigantic cooperative cotton marketing movement.

OREGON HAS MORE PATRONAGE COMING

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, June 30.—Oregon is an example of the state which does not get all the civil service jobs in Washington to which it is entitled. In a set of figures compiled by Senator Willis of Ohio to silence the cry that Ohio is getting more government jobs than it is entitled to, Oregon is shown as having 166 and being entitled to 324.

Ohio is entitled to 2388 and has only 1555. On the other hand, the District of Columbia, which is only entitled to 181 jobs, has on the payroll 11,824. The same failure to get its quota is true of every other western state.

Oregon and other Western senators and congressmen say it is due to the fact that the small salaries and indoor work do not appeal to the people of Oregon and the west.

THE FORUM

Editor of The Chronicle:—In your issue of the 28th another editorial appears in regard to the shortage of city water and it seems strange to the writer that you continually condemn the decision of the people of The Dalles at the water bond election last spring when they turned down the dam on Mill creek on the supposition that the water commission investigate and make a survey on the feasibility of the east fork of Hood river as a supply. The paper is supposed to express public opinion and not allow its editor to ignore such a decision and proceed through the columns of its paper to give such valuable (?) advice as appeared in the editorial of the 28th.

From the opinion of men of experience the water is available from Hood river and the state law of eminent domain gives us the right to take it, and it takes the verdict of a jury and not the editor of The Chronicle to say what the damage will be and we hope the water commission, the only ones in the city that have the right to make such a survey will at the earliest possible date make an unbiased survey with a competent engineer and if they find the water available I am sure the citizens of The Dalles would prefer to face a little law suit when the law and conditions are all in our favor rather than be confronted with a water shortage every summer and after every fire.

Some people in The Dalles seem to think because Engineer Kelsey recommended the dam on Mill Creek

Missionaries Credited With Progress Made By Indians

"The progress that has been made in the civilization of the Indians and their development would have been impossible had it not been for the missionaries that were pioneers in laying the foundation of the religious and educational welfare of these people" declares the new commissioner of Indian affairs, Charles H. Burke, in a communication to Rev. Edmer E. Higley, Des Moines, Iowa, recently appointed superintendent of Indian work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist board of home missions and church extension and the Woman's home missionary society, recently appointed a joint committee on Indian work. Dr. Higley was appointed superintendent, and Mrs. S. S. Beggs, Topeka, Kan., associate superintendent. This joint committee is carrying out a progressive program under the committee on conservation and advance and announces two conferences for its missionaries among the Indians. The first conference was held recently at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., and the second is being held at Salem. Dr. Higley and Mrs. Beggs have charge of the program and Indians from the territory adjacent to the conferences are attending. The topics for discussion are: "Christian Home Standards for Indians," "What an Indian Can Achieve," "Problems of the Returning Student," "Developing the Right Kind of Community Spirit," "The Meaning and Obligations of Citizenship," "The Needs of

an Adequate Sunday School Program for Indian Young People," "Christianizing Community Life Among Our Indians," "Indian Attitude Toward Education," and "The need of Developing Native Leadership." Commissioner Charles H. Burke is deeply interested in the two conferences.

"The Indians are not decreasing in numbers," Dr. Higley declares. "There are over one-third of a million of Indians in the United States, who speak 57 distinct languages."

A survey has been made by contemporary officials and shows that not only are the full-blooded Indians increasing, but also the mixed bloods, and that they have better homes, more medical attention and the Indian babies receive better treatment since missionaries took to them a gospel of soap, sanitation and salvation. The increase in numbers is expected to continue.

"Two-thirds of them cannot understand the English language. Thirteen per cent of the Indians are afflicted with tuberculosis, and 30,000 suffer from trachoma. Three out of every five Indian children die before the age of five years."

"There are 430 Protestant missionaries and 275 Catholic, with 617 church buildings and a membership of 42,000 Protestants and 51,000 Catholics.

"Fully two-thirds of the whole Indian population are yet without any gospel privileges whatever, either Protestant or Catholic. The contemporary program plans a large enterprise among the red men."

FIGHT FANS

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battle will be put on unless it pours all day.

The preliminaries have been 'cut down to six bouts of eight rounds starting at 1 o'clock. If they are not completed at 3 o'clock they will be stopped for the "main show." Rickard said, in making emphatic his resolve to bring the two "big ones" into the ring at 3 o'clock. What remains of the preliminaries will be staged after the big fight to entertain those of the fans who want to keep their seats until the rush is over.

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BOOZE DETECTOR IS NEWEST INVENTION

By United Press
PENDLETON, June 30.—You've heard of the water witch, the old forked stick of hazel wood which our daddies were wont to locate the best places for well-digging? Oh, of course it's old-fashioned, for in this Volsteadian age we have the booze-witch. The honor of the invention goes to Deputy Sheriff E. B. F. Ridgway, of Pendleton.

The device consists of two irons, sharpened to a keen point with a "T" at the top which will permit the operator to pound the instrument. It is used to sound out ground where liquor catches may have been hidden.

Ridgway has been using an old Irish shovel, but the task of digging several graves every time he looks for moonshine is no cinch. It may be to an amateur looking for soothing liquid wherewith to irrigate his own parched throat, but not so to a federal officer doing his duty.

The top of the ground is always packed, but by driving the stakes into the ground, Ridgway figures that he'll be able to find soft dirt in suspicious spots.

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LOST ARTICLES IN THEATRES ARE MANY

The room was cold and dark. The rays of a dismal electric light filtered through the space then became lost in the distant corners. There they lay, forsaken and neglected—little things, each of which has been cherished for its worth at some time.

Here is a baby's soft kid moccasin, slightly soiled, which has clasped some dimpled baby foot as it wriggled about restlessly; and hats, why, there are hats for happy-go-lucky boys, sweet-faced girls, and romping little one and two-year-olds.

Here is a woman's belt. Perhaps it girdled the matronly figure of some one tired and hungry for a bit of recreation. Gloves are here of every description. All cannot afford soft luxuriant kid, but what does it matter? Most people wear gloves of some kind, sometime. There they lie, small gloves and large ones; soft ones and substantial woolen ones; white one and black ones and some of silk. They were very lonely gloves too, for none of them had a mate.

Umbrellas stand out somberly in this neglected group. Perhaps it was raining very hard and they served their master or mistress well, but when the need of their service was past, they were forgotten and forsaken. Such are the ways of the world.

A hammer and numerous hat pins! Were they weapons of defense or were they being legitimately used when brought to this place, which so absorbs people's minds?

Here is a brilliant metal coco-cola sign. Can't you see a brave little toddler clinging to it, as to a treasure; then in a moment of forgetfulness they become estranged.

Effeminate looking purses of various sizes and textures are here; and handkerchiefs, which become so easily separated from their owners, have of course joined the group.

"What are we talking about?" did you ask? Why, the lost collection at the Empress theater. Did you contribute something? Almost everybody has, at some time. Don't feel superior. Perhaps you went back and got your possession, but now honestly, didn't you lose something some time?

The theaters of the country accumulate more lost articles than do any other places. The Dalles theaters receive their proportion. Articles of any great value are usually called for, soon after they are missed. Besides the articles named above, Manager Nolan of the Empress said that at various times women have left their furs, recently purchased packages and purses containing large amounts of money; these have all been claimed or sent to their owners.

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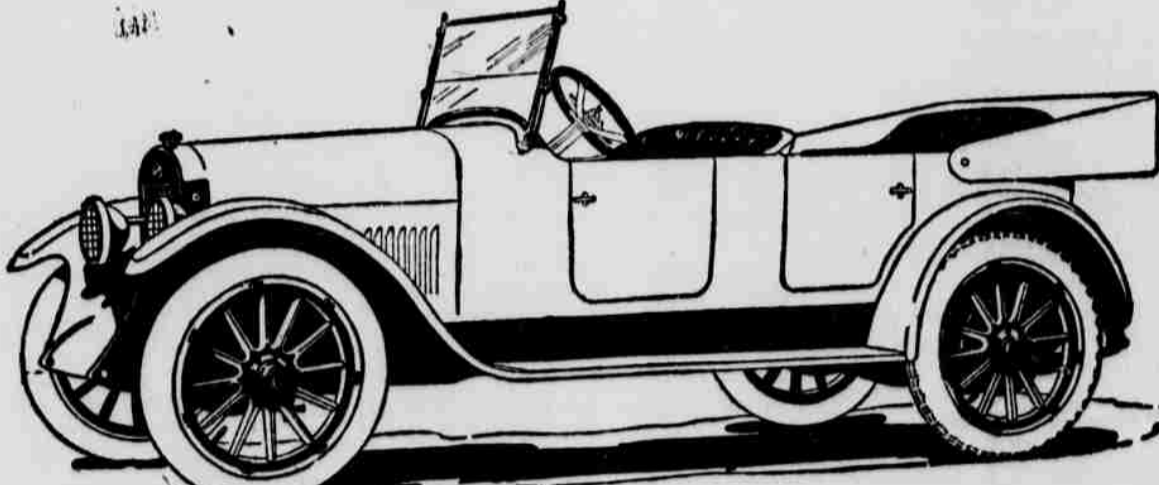
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