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FIRE LOSS IS MUCH SMALLER

Presence of Soldiers in Woods Considered by Insurance Companies

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, has issued a report showing that fire waste in Oregon during 1917 was nearly \$2,000,000 less than in previous years. This reduction in fire loss he attributes mainly to state-wide fire prevention activities and the investigation into causes of fires that have been in operation under his department.

All but nine companies transacting insurance business in the state report 2080 claims. The amount of insurance involved in these claims was \$2,175,000; insurance paid, \$1,094,000. Total loss including insurance, was \$1,556,000, leaving a net loss to the property owner not covered by insurance, \$462,000.

Had Chimneys Dangerous.—There were 413 fires from defective and over-heated chimneys, destroying property to the amount of \$181,000. Two hundred and sixty-five fires from defective boilers, furnaces and stoves caused a loss of \$119,000. One hundred ninety fires were due to careless handling of matches involving a loss of \$197,000. Twenty-four fires from careless smokers caused a loss of \$94,000. One hundred thirty-four fires from explosion of lamps, lanterns and defective electric wiring carried a loss of \$71,000.

One hundred eighty-one fires from hot ashes, coals and grease caused a loss of \$18,000. Forty fires from rubbish and spontaneous combustion caused a loss of \$33,000. Fifty-two fires from open fires and lights caused a loss of \$22,000. One hundred forty fires from sparks and carelessness in the handling of machinery caused a loss of \$253,000. Three hundred two fires from explosion and buildings burning by exposure caused a loss of \$160,000. Twenty-two fires, the causes of which were known but not classified aggregated a loss of \$29,000. Two hundred ninety-three fires from unknown origin, amounted to a loss of \$300,000, and thirty-seven incendiary fires inflicted a loss of \$227,000.

Much Property Not Protected.—In addition to this record there were fires throughout the state where no insurance was carried and it is estimated that there were at least 500 fires occurring in the same proportion of causes as enumerated above with a probable loss of at least one-half million dollars, making a total fire waste in the state of over \$2,000,000.

Portland—Portland Hotel to spend large sum this spring on improvements, machinery and new furniture.

"See 'Gets-It' Peel Off This Corn."

Leaves the Toe As Smooth As the Palm of Your Hand.

The corn never grew that "Gets-It" will not get. It never irritates the flesh, never makes your toe sore. Just two drops of "Gets-It" and presto! the corn-pain vanishes. Shortly you can peel the corn right off with your



It's Wonderful to See "Gets-It" Peel

finger and there you are—pain-free and happy, with the toe as smooth and corn-free as your palm. "Gets-It" is the only safe way in the world to treat a corn or callus. It's the sure way—the way that never fails. It is tried and true, used by millions every year. It always works. "Gets-It" makes cutting and digging at a corn and fusing with bandages, salves or anything else entirely unnecessary. "Gets-It" is the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way costs but a trifle at any drug store. Sold by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Salem and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. C. Perry and D. J. Fry.

Fullerton Waxes Wrathful Because of Elimination

James Fullerton of Eugene, in a letter to Secretary of State Olcott, threatens an action for damages if parts of his statement in the Lane county campaign pamphlet are eliminated by Olcott. Fullerton is a candidate for the legislature. Secretary Olcott eliminated two paragraphs in his argument on grounds that they were libelous against the University of Oregon. Fullerton writes: "Of course I can readily understand you and the governor, as regents of the university, being desirous to insure my candidacy, and not wishing to have the awful immoral conditions you have both condoned, exposed. Unless that statement appears true to copy for which I have paid you and hold your receipt there will be action for damages."

Federal Inspector to Go Over Irrigation Districts

R. P. Teele of the irrigation division of the United States bureau of public lands was at the office of State Engineer Lewis yesterday to gather information relating to all irrigation projects that may be submitted for consideration in the next several months. Some of the projects may be visited by Mr. Teele. Mr. Teele is mainly interested in the application of the Talent irrigation district for approval of bonds. The application has been referred to Mr. Teele's department by the capital issues committee. Engineer Lewis and Mr. Teele discussed all projects in the state that are likely to be constructed during the war.

MONDAY, MAY 6 IS STAMP DAY

Patrons of Merchants Will Have Chance to Take Them in Change

Monday, May 6, has been designated throughout the nation as Thrift Stamp day, and thorough preparation is being made to observe the day in Salem. Stores are going to be asked to feature the day and have enough stamps on hand to give them in change to such customers as will accept them. Robert S. Gill, acting manager of the Salem Commercial club, will issue a circular letter to all merchants who are selling stamps and remind them of the necessity of keeping a large stock of the stamps on hand for that day.

The places of business in Salem where stamps are kept on sale are: W. W. Moore furniture store, G. W. Johnson & Co., C. S. Hamilton, Commercial Book store, Gahlsdorf Tea store, W. H. Burghardt, Jr., The Spa, Patton Brothers, Nick Paris, Capital Drug store, Watt Ship company, F. W. Woodworth, Hartman Brothers Jewelry store, C. B. Clancy, Imperial Furniture store, Gray-Bell, Farmer's Hardware store, United States National bank, Capital National bank, Ladd & Bush bank, O. J. Schel, Adolph Cigar store, U. G. Shipley company, Meyers Department store, Barnes Cash store, White House restaurant, J. L. Busick & Son, Hauser Brothers, Salem Bank of Commerce, Central Pharmacy, Opera House pharmacy, E. L. Stiff & Son, E. L. Kappahn, E. C. Cross & Son, Gardner & Keene, Quality Cash store, Scotch Woolen Mills store, Red Cross Pharmacy, Spencer Hardware company, Salem Electric company, Western Union Telegraph company, Fullertons.

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MONDAY IS END OF BOAT TRADE ON WILLAMETTE

Oregon City Transportation Company Quits—Patronage Is Lacking

LOCAL OFFICE TO CLOSE

A. R. Wilson Is Recommended as Official Weather Observer for Salem

Because of lack of patronage and increased cost of operation along the Willamette river between Corvallis and Portland, the Oregon City Transportation company will withdraw its steamboats from the run and Salem will be without steamer traffic for the first time in many years. The Grahamona will make its last run from Corvallis to Salem and on to Portland Monday, and the operations of the Yellow Stack line will be a thing of history.

Efforts have been made by the company to increase the patronage in the valley towns, but business men have been slow to turn traffic toward the river line. The fleet belonging to the Oregon City Transportation company will be sold or leased and all crews and dock gangs disbanded. Notice has been served upon the employees of the action decided upon. In Portland the Taylor street dock will be abandoned.

Will Say Good-bye.—The Grahamona will leave Portland Saturday for Corvallis and when the boat returns to Portland Monday night three long blasts of her siren will signalize the end of steamer traffic on the upper Willamette river. Captain A. W. Graham, one of the owners of the company, is now helping the Coast Shipbuilding company with its vessels and Captain A. B. Graham is staying by the O. C. T. until the last trip.

Since 1886, when the steamer Latona made her appearance on the Willamette, the line has been in service, except when extreme river conditions or the closing of the locks at Oregon City prevented the vessels moving. Captain A. B. Graham and Captain A. W. Graham, brothers, have been in personal charge of the fleet all the time, first acting as masters of vessels and later giving all their time to the management of the business ashore. For the past two or three years revenues declined, while expenses took the opposite trend, until Captain A. B. Graham regrettably announced last night the suspension of service.

Soon after the Latona went into service the Altona I came out and then the Altona II, other vessels built being the Ramona, Avona, Leona, Pomona, Oregona and Grahamona. The last three are now in the fleet. The first Altona and the Ramona were sold and taken to Alaska, the Avona burned when in the Yellow Stack service and the Leona was destroyed by fire after she had been disposed of and placed in operation on the Lewis River route.

Former Business Heavy.—In the old days, especially between Salem and Portland, there was heavy business. Also each year witnessed boat loads of hop pickers carried up the valley, but the electric railroads and steam lines later cut into the river passenger and freight business and the steamboat line has been nosed out.

Vessels on the upper Willamette route burn wood and when the Yellow Stack line started fuel was worth \$1.75 to \$2 a cord, always being below the ordinary market when sold to steamers. Today it is worth \$4 along the river. Deckhands received \$30 a month before, while today their pay is \$60, and the former cost of boarding them was 11 to 12 cents a meal, as against \$1 a day now. Wages of licensed men have advanced, the cost of all necessities are higher and lumber and machine work has followed suit, while rates have

undergone little change during the last few years. The local office of the O. C. T. company has been the official weather office in Salem for some years. C. C. Graham, who has been in charge here, has recommended that this be turned over to A. R. Wilson, manager of the Salem office of the Postal Telegraph company.

Gold Hill Bond Issue Has Chance for Approval

State Engineer Lewis said yesterday that the \$60,000 bond issue of the Gold Hill irrigation project will probably be approved by the state irrigation securities commission. Lewis and Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, as members of the commission, returned today after inspecting the project and report that the assessed valuation of the land is in excess of the proposed bond issue and is not more than 60 per cent of the market value.

Corey Boosts Candidacy of Chairman F. J. Miller

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, has written a letter to voters of eastern Oregon, the district he represents on the commission, urging them to support Frank J. Miller for another term. Mr. Miller is now chairman of the commission and represents the state at large as a member.

District Five Wardens Began Work on May 1

District wardens began spring fire patrol work in several counties of the state on May 1 under the direction of State Forester F. A. Elliott. The first work of the wardens is to clear trails and telephone lines in the timbered sections. Wardens have been placed as follows: P. S. King, Columbia county; J. McLean, Clatsop county; W. J. Sander, Douglas county; and C. A. Hoxie, Josephine county.

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Smile awhile, and while you smile another smile, and soon there's miles and miles of smiles and life's worth while because you'll smile

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\$5.00 Grades at	\$3.95 to \$3.35
and many others at equally low cost.	
Heavy Work Shoes \$4.69 down to	\$2.95
Boys Fine and Heavy Shoes	
\$4.00 Calf Button Neolin Soles, 1 to 6 at	\$3.20
\$4.00 Calf Button or Lace Leather, 1 to 6, at	\$3.20
Same in Sizes 10 to 13	\$2.95
Others in Heavy and Light at	\$2.95, \$2.85, \$2.65, \$2.60 down to
Men's Sox—with a pair of shoes; two pairs at the price of one.	\$2.15
LADIES' FASHIONABLE SHOES	
\$7.50 Pearl Grey Kid, cloth top to match	\$6.68

\$7.50 Ivory Kid, Gold Cloth Top	\$6.79
\$6.50 Black Kid, Grey or Sand Tops	\$4.95
\$6.00 Black Patent Black Cloth top	\$3.83
\$6.00 Black Kid Grey Cloth Tops	\$3.90
Military Heels, small sizes only	
White Shoes in Kid Canvas and Nubuck at from \$5.48 down to \$1.79. All prices	
White Canvas Pumps, \$2.69 down to	89c
Misses' Canvas Pumps, \$2.35 down to	89c
All kinds of Children's Shoes at prices cut badly.	
MEN'S SHOES	
\$7.50 Velour, Button, Welt, New Modified English last fine and up-to-date	\$5.95
\$7.00 Grades at \$4.95; others at \$5.20, \$3.95, \$3.89, down to \$2.95	
Dark Brown English Neolin Sole, worth \$7.50 at	\$6.48

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