

FOREST FIRES COST \$349,177

103,907 Acres Burned Over, of Lands Under State Jurisdiction

In 1928 Oregon had 1067 forest fires on lands under the jurisdiction of the state forester's office, a report filed with the state legislature by F. A. Elliott, state forester, shows.

These fires burned over a total of 103,907 acres of land and caused damage to merchantable timber, logs and logging equipment and to settlers' improvements in the amount of \$349,177. Of the total area burned over approximately 19,000 acres consisted of merchantable timber lands with a loss estimated by the state forester at \$26,000. Approximately 18,125,000 board feet of timber was destroyed or damaged.

The most serious loss was in the logging camps where equipment and logs were burned with a monetary sacrifice of more than \$275,000. This was partly covered by insurance. The remainder of the loss, placed at \$43,187, was in connection with improvements on ranches and farms in the timbered districts.

Arson Is Problem

One of the most serious problems the forestry department had to deal with during the past few years was the incendiary situation in the southern part of the state. More than half of the area burned over was in Jackson and Josephine counties. Most of these fires were due to incendiaryism and carelessness.

The eastern part of the state was hard hit in the latter part of July and the first part of August when lightning storms started more than 30 fires on state lands. With the exception of Tastern Lane, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties the fire losses in the state were somewhat below normal.

A large crew of field men was employed during the entire fire season, and every effort was made to detect persons suspected of setting off fires. A number of these persons were arrested, and upon being tried, were convicted and punished. In one or two cases persons accused of incendiaryism were sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary.

Full Report Made

Although plans of the state forester have not been completed for 1929, it is probable that the policies in force during the year 1928 will be continued. Reports received from different parts of the state indicated that the operations of the forestry department were very satisfactory.

The biennial report of the state forester gives a complete summary of the receipts and disbursements of the department, and sets out numerous improvements made during the past two years. Many new trails have been constructed, lookout stations have been installed and telephone lines have been extended. Under the plan of operations in 1928 reports of the field men were made daily to the state forester, who relayed them to the district forester with headquarters in Portland. Weather conditions were safe and very quite favorable during the summer of 1928, and had it not been for incendiaryism, the fire loss in the state would have been the smallest for many years. The incendiary fires increased the total losses materially.

HEAD OF GIRLS' HOME RESIGNS

Medical Adviser and Three Members of Board Also Leave Service

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Superintendent Bertha Lips of the New Mexico Girls' Welfare home, Dr. Evelyn Frisbie, medical adviser, and three members of the board of the home tendered their resignations to Governor R. C. Dillion at the conclusion of the legislative investigation of conditions at the home on the death of Helen Askew, 18, who had been given an injection of twilight sleep.

The members of the board who resigned are Mrs. Margaret Medler, chairman of Albuquerque; Mrs. R. W. Bryan, Albuquerque; Mrs. A. M. Gonzales, Abiquin. The other two members of the board are out of the state and have not been heard from, but Governor Dillion and the legislative committee will meet tomorrow at which time it is expected that a new board will be appointed. The legislative committee will also prepare a formal report to make to the governor.

District Attorney Lujan said tonight that the complain charging manslaughter jointly against the superintendent and the physician had been completed and would be filed as soon as he had an opportunity to confer with S. B. Askew of Portales, father of the dead girl. He is on his way to Albuquerque.

The Almighty Dollar

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(AP)—A skipping dollar bill tied up traffic when dozens of pedestrians attempted to rescue the scolding lure blown from the hand of a woman. The mad scamper on a downtown corner enmeshed the streams of vehicles from four directions.

ROOSEVELT IN, SMITH OUT AND BOTH ARE HAPPY



Joyously waving their toppers to crowds in Albany, N. Y., who braved a heavy snowstorm to see their former Governor Alfred E. Smith and his successor, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, above, watch a detachment of state troopers parade in their honor. At left, surrounded by members of his family, Smith cuts into his birthday cake, celebrating his 55th anniversary. At right, Roosevelt making his inaugural speech.

Passed Up! THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO MADE MEN LIKE HER

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READ THIS FIRST:
Betty Brown goes to a high school dance where there is much getting, and awakens to the fact that boys have never tried to kiss her. The following day she tries to find out why from her mother, who evades the issue; but Betty concludes it is physical charm which attracts men. Point by point, she takes stock of her own charms, only to realize that she is lacking in many ways. She makes up a rhyme in many ways.

"Shoulders back, mouth in a smile, Toes turned out to give me style." (NOW GO WITH THE STORY)

CHAPTER IV

THE day after Betty had taken stock of her physical charm, she determined to cultivate what she had, she had lunch with Lois Hall, the most popular girl in her class at school. She put on the recently purchased long stockings, shortened the hem of her sport suit, and with shoulders back and toes turned out, she made her call.

Lois was in negligee when she arrived and asked Betty to her room. As she entered, Lois looked at her curiously and asked, "What have you been doing to yourself, old thing? You look different, some way."

"Shoulders back, mouth in a smile, Toes turned out to give me style."

Betty laughed, illustrating each point of her rhyme by exaggerated gesture.

"What has come over you? Have you fallen in love? You, who have always spent your time searching for a book worm in a book!"

"Yes, I guess I am in love," Betty sat on Lois' cedar chest.

"With who or whom, which ever is correct?" asked Lois, interested.

"Neither is correct," laughed Betty. "I guess I am falling in love with love."

"Oh, my gosh!" Lois kicked off her slippers and pulled her feet up under her. "Am I having the great joy of witnessing the awakening of the cosmic urge, the emerging of sex consciousness, the emerging of the butterfly from the tadpole, or something? Go on, young woman, your story interests me strangely!"

"Did anyone kiss you at the alumni dance the other night?"

"I was there, wasn't I?" demanded Lois.

"You were."

"If your next question is 'Who?' I'll tell you it wasn't your George."

"He isn't my George!"

"Then that pup has lost his tag and has no owner!" laughed Lois. "If old Stick-in-the-mud isn't yours, I don't know who he belongs to. He is an Alredale."

"What do you mean?"

"Alredales are one-man dogs. George is a one-woman man. Patty Carnes bet one of the boys a box of candy she could make George kiss her and lost the bet."

"I don't want George to kiss me. I want to know why men don't want to kiss me. None of them—" her voice trailed off into nothing. She did not want to tell this bright, popular girl that no man had ever tried to kiss her.

"You are prissy!" said Lois, bluntly.

"What does that mean?"

"Pernickity!" explained Lois. "I am not!" defended Betty. "I am just a normal girl. I want to be admired like every other normal girl. Men flock around you like bees around a blossoming apple tree. Why? How do you do it?"

"Oh! Lois put her finger in her mouth, in mock modesty. "I have my moments and my victories of course. I haven't been neglected."

"Tell me why!" urged Betty. "A girl who wakes up and finds herself popular hasn't been asleep. Long ago I learned that culture consists in knowing a lot of things you never have any use for. Boys like to feel superior. They like you to look into their eyes and tell them that they are wonderful. If you know more than they do you have to hide it. You know a lot, but if you want to get anywhere with men,

completely undressed." She hummed a tune, dressing leisurely until her mother called them both down to lunch.

Lois had an engagement to go riding with some boy at two o'clock. Betty went home before she came, wondering if Lois had given her a solution of her problem.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

MARTIN JENSEN'S WIFE PLANS FLIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Martin Jensen, wife of the Dole flier, told the Associated Press today that she intends to fly from Honolulu to San Francisco just as soon as she can make the necessary arrangements.

Mrs. Jensen said she was studying aerial navigation under emory Bronte, distinguished aerial navigator, to find her way over 2,400 miles of Pacific waves, which no woman has yet crossed by air.

"The only thing that is stopping me," she said, "is about \$25,000. The huge tri-motored plane I want to buy will cost \$60,000. Some of the money has been obtained, but uncertainty about the balance makes the date of the flight uncertain."

Treat for Stamp Fans

ROME.—(AP) Philatelists may well be on the lookout for some new Italian issues. By recent royal decree new types of special delivery stamps are authorized, costing 1.25 lire within the kingdom and 2.50 for abroad. For "pneumatic" delivery in cities, new issues of 15 and 35 centesimal denominations will be gotten out.

Testimony Before Ways And Means Committee is False, Importer Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A charge by a New York importer that American manufacturers of Reed furniture were deliberately presenting misleading information to obtain tariff increases was made today before the house ways and means committee hearings on tariff revision.

The allegation, made by Allan Gerda, representing the Otto Gerda company of New York, resulted in a rapid fire of questions from both republicans and democrats on the committee, and finally the witness was asked to produce any concrete evidence he might possess.

Duty Held High Now

Gerda, a reed importer, declared the present duty of 20 per cent ad valorem on reeds was "discriminatory and monopolistic," and had cut business in half. He said he was amazed at the testimony of manufacturers and asserted that 60 per cent of it was unfit for presentation.

Chairman Hawley interrupted to say that this was for the committee, not the witness, to determine. Gerda also suggested a \$10,000 fine for witnesses, whom the committee found were not telling

Lake to be Searched For Marylander's Body Again

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Another search for the body of James E. Bassett of Maryland who disappeared here more than four months ago was started today in Hicks lake, south of Seattle, at the instigation of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bassett.

The new search was based on information furnished by a man and a woman which authorities previously had not considered important because it did not jibe with their theories. All other searches were conducted north of Seattle near a house rented by D. E. Mayer and Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, whom officers believed killed Bassett and who were convicted of the theft of the Marylander's automobile.

The two new informants, who were brought by the Bassetts to the county jail, identified Mayer, who is awaiting trial as an habitual criminal, and his mother, who is awaiting sentence to the penitentiary.

Michael Wirtzfeld told a story

MAN SHOOTSWIFE AS PER CONTRACT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—In fulfillment of an alleged written wedding agreement by which either party was to kill the other for unfaithfulness, John Dalley shot and killed his wife here in the store where she was employed.

Dalley explained to police that his wife had deserted him ten days ago, taking all their household furniture. He considered that a violation of the pact.

Before her marriage to Dalley, the woman was Mrs. Joseph Corbin, wife of a Chicago minister whom she divorced in 1926. She was 35. Dalley is 38. Word of her death was kept from her 17-year-old daughter, Marie, who is critically ill with tuberculosis.



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