

NORTHWEST NOTES

Bad Fire at South Bend.

South Bend, Wash.—At 7 o'clock Thursday morning the residence of John McDonnell was discovered by a neighbor to be on fire and the alarm was given. Smoke and flames were pouring from the house when the fire was discovered, and there was no possibility of saving either the house or contents. Mr. McDonnell and his wife and son were asleep at the time and barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. McDonnell rushed out through the flames in her night clothes and was dangerously burned. Mr. McDonnell and his son jumped from the second story windows. The young man escaped unhurt, but the father was terribly burned and one rib was torn from the vertebra when he struck the ground. Both Mr. McDonnell and his wife are well along in years and the latter has been in poor health and the shock, burns and injuries have placed them both in a precarious condition. The McDonnell residence was valued at \$3500, and had been refurbished throughout at a cost of \$1500.

Prohibits Medicine Samples.

Hood River, Or.—The Hood River city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the promiscuous distribution of medicine samples in the city and fixing a fine of from \$25 to \$100 as a penalty for its violation. The language of the emergency clause, which follows, leaves no doubt as to the necessity of the ordinance. "Inasmuch as the indiscriminate distribution of patent medicines, soaps, pills, and other articles deleterious to the public health, by agents, to the dwellings in Hood River bids fair to work havoc with the inner mechanism of the adolescents of said city, an emergency is hereby declared," etc., etc.

Infantile Paralysis at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Wash.—A disease known to the medical fraternity as infantile paralysis and which has been prevalent in the east for two or three years, has reached Vancouver. A five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parsons of West Eighteenth street is afflicted with the disease and is in a critical condition, though somewhat improved. His arms have been paralyzed since last Saturday. It is termed a child's disease and is much feared. Dr. H. S. Goddard has charge of the case.

\$11,000 Prizes at Yakima Fair.

North Yakima, Wash.—In the course of the week's races at the Washington state fair this fall, \$11,000 in prizes will be distributed, according to the announcement of Secretary John W. Pace, who has just issued his speed program. The program provides for 28 harness and running races.

Hobo Is Killed By Train.

Albany, Or.—While traveling as a hobo, Lucien LaFargue, 22 year old, son of John LaFargue, a well known man of San Rafael, Cal., was run over by a freight train at Harrisburg, at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, and died here six hours later. LaFargue slipped from the freight train on which he was riding, and several cars passed over both legs. He was brought to Albany at 4:20 and placed in St. Mary's hospital, where both legs were amputated at the body. He failed to rally from the shock of the operation and died at 8:30. LaFargue asserted that it was his first hobo trip.

CHINESE REARED HORSE DOESN'T SAVVY ENGLISH

Spokane, Wash.—W. H. Kinter, a market gardener at Greenacres in the Spokane valley, a few miles east of Spokane is in a peck of trouble over buying a horse that was raised and broken to harness by Wong Yet, a neighbor tiller of the soil. He paid \$45 for the animal, which he admits is sound and well trained; but, he adds tearfully, he has worn his patience and three whips to a frazzle in attempting to make the three-year old colt understand the meaning of "giddy up" and "Whoa." At first Kinter believed the horse was balky, but Wong clambered over the fence and spoke a few words in Chinese and the animal started for town with a wagon load of berries and melons. Arriving at the city market Kinter yelled "Whoa" until his voice gave out, but the horse kept on and did not stop until it reached the end of a blind alley. Kinter has made overtures to Wong to accept the horse and return the money, but the Chinaman refuses, saying he did not guarantee the colt to be a linguist. Kinter has asked the police to adjudicate the matter.

PRINCESS IS ADMIRER OF BACHELOR BISHOP

London.—The Right Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, the bachelor Bishop of London has so long been almost besieged at Fulham Palace by women, young, middle-aged and old, anxious to seek spiritual and temporal advice or to proffer assistance as "workers" in the diocese, that he has become absolutely case hardened. His latest admirer is the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Rolstein, the daughter of Princess Christian. The Princess married some years ago a German Prince—Aribert of Anhalt—but the marriage proved disastrous, and was annulled. The Princess returned to England, and has remained with her mother ever since. She pays almost weekly visits to Fulham Palace, and, as she is a member of the royal family, the embarrassed secretaries and chaplains cannot very well tell her to "call another day."

UNITED STATE MAY BUY WRIGHT PATENTS

Chicago.—Will the United States government be empowered to purchase from the Wright brothers for \$1,000,000 the basic patents which practically control aviation, so that the important assets may be transferred to the whole people in the interest of the development and science of flying?

A bill with this end in view has been drawn up by Charles F. Dutch of the Harvard law school, and if the promoters of this unique campaign are successful the measure will be introduced in congress by some member of the house of representatives at the next session. Mr. Dutch aims to "prevent a monopoly of aerial navigation, to stimulate aviation and to compensate the Wright brothers for their patents."

Text of the Bill.

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the commissioner of patents be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase from Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright of Ohio, their executors, administrators, heirs or assigns, any and all patents, patents pending and application for patents for inventions or devices claimed by said Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright or by either of them, concerning aeroplanes or flying machines, and to publish or make the same otherwise freely accessible for the promotion of the science and art of aerial navigation.

"Section 2. That for the purchase of said inventions or devices the sum of \$1,000,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

"The Wrights are not philanthropists any more than others who own great patents," said one of the local builders of aeroplanes. "They have a perfect right to their own, but the fact remains that so long as they exert their influence against the promiscuous use of their patents aviation in this country must necessarily be restricted. If the Wrights are so inclined, they can keep out the best known foreign aviators whose machines include features that are covered by the Wright patents. "For this reason my original suggestion that the Wrights be recompensed and their patents turned over to the people still holds good. It would cost the government a lot of money, but it would put the United States many steps in advance of the foreign countries in affording a mighty field for scientific practice and research."

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THRESHER DESTROYED BY FIRE NEAR ATHENA

SMUT EXPLOSION CAUSES LOSS OF KEYS MACHINE

First Harvest Fire in Vicinity—Uncut grain burned and Sacked Grain Damaged—No Insurance on Machine—Exciting Runaway on Athena Streets.

(Special Correspondence.)
Athena, Ore., Aug. 4.—The first fire of the harvest field in this vicinity occurred here yesterday evening at 6 o'clock and the flames destroyed the machine owned by Joe Keys, also some standing grain and some grain in the sack was damaged.

Joe Keys was on the last setting of Alex Johnson's field northeast of town, and the smut was very bad. The smut gas was ignited by some unknown cause and an explosion occurred setting fire to the thresher and it was soon destroyed. Besides the machine the fire destroyed the derrick table and feeder. The fire soon licked up the remainder of the grain which was uncut, and the smoke and heat damaged the sacked grain considerably.

Keys had no insurance on the machine, however, as he had cancelled it on the 28th of last month. The thresher which was destroyed was a 22-inch Pride of Washington, and Mr. Keys will have another one in the field and ready to thresh by tomorrow noon.

An exciting runaway occurred here this morning and the result was a badly damaged mowing machine and a bruised driver. The driver was a young man in the employ of H. A. Barrett and had just started out to work, with a big team of mares when the animals took a sudden notion to run and the young man was unable to hold them. They ran around several blocks here in town and ended up by running into a large tree and thus breaking the mower to pieces. The driver however was thrown out of the seat when the team began to run and suffered a badly bruised leg.

A NEW ZEPPELIN.

Announced Count Will Build One Which Can Stay Up 90 Hours.

London.—It is announced that the designs for an entirely new type of airship, named Blue Bird, have been completed.

The airship has been designed by a famous engineer who is a university professor of engineering. He is one of Count Zeppelin's right hand men. His airship embodies all the best features comprised in the Zeppelin dirigibles, in the Patrie and in the Geneva.

enclosing a balloonette and has been suspended at a considerable distance below the cigar-shaped body. The result of the suspension of the engine far below the body of the balloon is that the center of resistance to air pressure was at too great a distance above the center of propulsion.

In the Blue Bird airship which has been designed for transatlantic work, the body of the balloon is rendered rigid by the singular formation which turns the keel as it were into the backbone of the airship itself. The airship can carry inside the keel a crew of ten persons, two engines aft, and on the under side of the keel, which is 160 feet in length, is a series of immense reservoirs.

This huge ship offers far less resistance to progress through the atmosphere than any ship hitherto constructed; while owing to its extremely simple design it can carry more power than any other. The whole command of the ship is concentrated in the hands of the pilot in the center of the keel, and at his hand are very simple appliances which can, at the touch of a finger, put in or throw out of action, as desired, the motors propellers, rudder, ventilators and valves.

The powers of the Blue Bird airship for its transatlantic voyage are as follows: It can carry five tons of petrol. It can stay eighty hours in the air. It can rise to a height of 10,000 feet above the level of the sea. It has a maximum speed of 50 miles an hour; and consequently a radius of action over no less than 4000 miles, without descending; and it can comfortably carry a crew of ten persons.

The next remarkable feature of this airship is that by the construction of its engine it can use either gas or petrol at the same time or separately; by this means automatically lessening its weight by using petrol (which it carries as ballast) and then using gas to prevent the rise which otherwise the decrease in weight would cause.

This reinforcement of petrol by the use of hydrogen gas is an absolutely new feature and the result of the combustion is to increase the radius of action and distance of flight by no less than one-third.

Another feature of the Blue Bird airship is that it is not affected by change of temperature, or hot sun, as have been all previous airships. The action of the sun affects the volume of the gas; the action of rain over-

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