

TIMBER FIRES ARE UNCHECKED IN NORTHWEST

Flames On Skeena River Present 3 Mile Front

FIRE SWEEPS FARMS

Entire Population Near Corbett Battles Against Devastating Attack—Puget Sound Losses Are Heavy

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

PORTLAND, May 31.—Forest fires raged in two northwestern districts today. From Prince Rupert came reports of fire along the Skeena river on a three mile front, with the town of Hazelton cut off and threatened by fire on two sides. Fires in southern Washington threatened orchards along the Columbia river. Many smaller fires reported by lookouts.

The town of Corbett, on the Columbia river reported the countryside near that town swept by fire this morning, and unchecked at noon. Houses, barns and livestock were consumed in a blaze being swept over the dry area by a strong east wind. Every available man in the vicinity is fighting the flames.

Drouth Aids Flames

Reports from Seattle stated that thousands of dollars worth of damage has been done in four counties around Puget sound by fires in dry timber. Valuable stands are menaced. Fire fighters are massing at dangerously menaced points. Maximum temperatures are high, with no rain in sight to check the spread of fire. No lives are reported lost.

DRAGICH PLANS BRICK BUILDING

Work Preliminary to Construction Already Started—Will Cost \$6,000.

Work preliminary to construction of the new Dragich building on Bond street was begun Monday when the frame part of the present building was being torn down to allow for work on the new building. Actual construction of the building will begin this week. It will be of brick, 25 by 100 feet, and will cost approximately \$6,000. The contract has been let to a local man.

A confectionery, pool hall and barber shop will be housed in the new building, which will belong to Mike Dragich, of the firm of Dragich and Springer, which will operate the confectionery and pool hall.

BONUS BILL GIVEN FAVORABLE REPORT

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—The senate finance committee today ordered a favorable report on the McCumber soldier bonus bill. The vote was nine to four, Senator Smoot's substitute measure being rejected eight to five.

MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
At Boston—	R.	H.	E.
(First game.)			
Boston	6	6	2
Washington	4	10	1
(Second game.)			
Boston	4	10	2
Washington	7	11	2
At Cleveland—	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	4	9	0
Chicago	8	10	1
At St. Louis—	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	10	2
Detroit	5	13	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Philadelphia—	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	8	3
New York	1	7	1
At Brooklyn—	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	4	7	2
Boston	1	5	1
At Pittsburgh—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	11	14	1
Cincinnati	2	9	2

Chicago-St. Louis; rain.

John D. May Disinherit His Granddaughter; Her Marriage Objected To

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, May 31.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick today went on record as opposing the marriage of her 17 year old daughter Mathilde to Max Oser, Swiss livery stable proprietor.

Mrs. McCormick said that while she would no longer oppose her divorced husband's appointment as the girl's guardian, she wanted her opposition to the marriage to Oser on record.

It was rumored today that John D. Rockefeller had threatened to cut off his grandson's inheritance if she married Oser.

SEEK TO KEEP WESTON HERE

Allegedly Debatable Objections In Murder Trial Are Pointed Out.

Allegedly debatable objections of the defense in the trial of A. J. Weston for murder of Robert H. Krug, in which Weston was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon state penitentiary, were pointed out in circuit court today by Earl Bernard, defense attorney, the object being to allow Weston to remain in the county jail until his appeal has been passed on by the circuit court.

The admission of the entire confession of George Stillwell, which Bernard declared contained matters prejudicial to the defendant, which were not mentioned in direct testimony and could not have been admitted, was particularly mentioned by Bernard. He also pointed out what he declared to be errors in Judge Duffy's instructions to the jury.

A complete transcript of the testimony of the case was asked by the defense, in order that it might present a complete bill of exceptions to the supreme court.

TOURIST OFFICE CHANGE LIKELY

Nell Markel Recommended for Work on Withdrawal of H. J. Overturf.

Carrying with him the recommendation of the Bend Commercial club directors that the work of the Central Oregon district office of the Oregon Tourist bureau be handled here by Miss Nell Markel, Director Sidney Vincent of the bureau, will leave for Portland tonight after a day spent in Bend. H. J. Overturf, previously designated for the position found that the work would be more arduous than he had expected, said Vincent, and has withdrawn.

LOSE RESOLUTION FOR FRAUD PROBE

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—By a vote of 101 to 36, Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson, of South Dakota, republicans, today lost their final attempt to force the house to take action on a resolution for investigation of alleged laxity in prosecuting war grafters.

U. S. AGAIN INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—A second invitation to attend the international conference June 15, at the Hague has been rejected by the United States. It was learned today

SEE CHANCE TO CURE OLD LEAK IN RESERVOIR

More Water Will Allow For Sluicing In Silt

LARGE CONTRACT LET

United Contracting Company's Bid Accepted, And Work On Dam And Diversion Canal To Start At Once.

Possibility that the leak in the Tumalo project reservoir, which resulted in the partial failure of the reclamation program of years ago, may be cured, now exists through the letting of the contract to the United Contracting Company of Portland for construction of a dam and diversion canal to transfer water from the Deschutes river to the Tumalo feed canal. Experiments conducted under the direction of Fred N. Wallace have indicated that the hole in the side of the reservoir, which swallowed unlimited quantities of water needed for irrigation, could be stopped by sluicing in silt. The silt was available, but the water for sluicing was not. The new water supply, in addition to providing sufficient water to irrigate the entire project, will mean that this theory can be submitted to definite proof.

Under the direction of C. M. Redfield, newly appointed engineer for the Tumalo Irrigation district, construction work is to be started immediately on the diversion dam and canal to carry part of the flow of the Deschutes river into the Tumalo feed canal. The dam is to be located within the city limits of Bend, a short distance below the county bridge. Surveys for the dam and the diversion canal have already been made.

Contract is Let

Provision for the work, which means the reclamation of the 11,000 acres of the Tumalo project which failure of the reservoir to hold water has made impossible for years, is the result of action taken by the board of directors of the district at a meeting Monday night, when bids submitted Saturday were considered, and the contract awarded to the United Contracting Company of Portland at a bid of \$317,751.75. A lower bid, that made by J. D. Hanley, could not be accepted, owing to the contractor's failure to qualify.

Fred N. Wallace, secretary of the board, states that the storage site at Crescent lake recently acquired from the Walker Basin Irrigation Company, will be used to provide the surplus flow which the district expects to divert from the Deschutes. More than two miles of 10 inch iron flume will be necessary.

Rumored Acts Of Legion Scored By Minister While Veterans Honor The Dead

Legionnaires of Percy A. Stevens Post, standing in formation before the firing of the salute to the dead at Pilot Butte cemetery and hundreds of other residents of the city attending the Decoration Day services yesterday, heard from the lips of Bend's newest minister, Rev. J. L. Webster of the Presbyterian church, a denunciation of the Legion's conduct based on rumors which the speaker said had come to him. "I do not know whether it is true or not," Rev. Webster said, "but I have been told that the Legion has put on shows which were a disgrace to the community. It makes my blood boil. This is plain talk, but I think that it should be."

Rev. Webster, invited to give the final address of the day, had in his earlier remarks, spoken in a highly complimentary manner of the Legion and of its local work, developing the idea that the living could through their lives best honor the ideals which had animated those now dead. "If what I have heard is true," he said in his conclusion, "you are disgracing, not honoring, the memory of the dead."

Tribute Paid Veterans

Tribute to the veterans of America's three last wars was paid by Rev. F. H. Beard, former army chaplain, speaker of the day, in an eloquent inspirational address given at the main services held in the auditorium of the Legion building. Point-

L. M. Foss Resigns Before Recall Petition Is Filed; Board Picks Principal And Coach For B.H.S.

Resignation of L. M. Foss, chairman of the board of directors of School District No. 1, was received by the board at its special meeting late Monday afternoon just before the filing of petitions for the recall of Foss and Mrs. Horace Richards. Foss gave no reason for his withdrawal, and could not be interviewed today. The board now has for consideration two resignations, that of C. A. Hayden having been tabled at the last regular meeting.

Petitions directed at Foss and Mrs. Richards are slightly over the required minimum of 233 names each. Similarity of penmanship indicates that in many instances husbands signed for wives and wives for husbands. It is not expected, however that the board will question this irregularity, preferring to allow the recall of Mrs. Richards, the only member affected by the petitions, to go to a vote at the annual school

meeting on June 19. The board signed a year contract with G. W. Ager as city superintendent of schools, then on his recommendation elected 10 faculty members. Arthur L. Taylor last year principal of the Roseburg high school, will hold a like position in Bend, and Leo Cosman, University of Oregon athlete, last year on the Vale high school faculty, will teach science and coach high school sports. A contract was signed with Miss Harriet Umbaugh as English instructor, and Chester A. Klink was elected to instruct in mathematics.

Grade teachers elected are: Katherine Welsh, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Malinda May, Cecil, Ore.; Adeline Deitrich, Bellingham, Wash.; Cora Schweer, Odebolt, Iowa; and Evelyn Hasbrouck, Hood River. Superintendent Ager returned to Vale last night.

RAISING ASSESSED VALUATION IS SUGGESTED AS SALES STIMULUS

Jimmy Murphy Winner of 500 Mile Classic; 94.5 Miles Averaged

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Jimmy Murphy won the international 500 mile auto race over a field of 25 drivers averaging 94½ miles an hour and shattering the track record of 89.62 set up by De Palma in 1915. Murphy led from the start.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IS SHORT

Consumption Greater, Says Hoover—Conference On Profiteering Meets.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Coal production is now running three million tons a week behind consumption, Secretary Hoover told a general conference of nonunion coal operators convened here for the purpose of curbing profiteering in fuel. Production is at the rate of 5,000,000 tons weekly, with consumption 8,000,000 tons.

Taxation Problem Debated At Forum Luncheon By Students.

Raising the assessed valuation of property in Deschutes county, and thereby reducing the tax millage, was declared to be the needed stimulus for land sales in Deschutes county, by Miss Naomi Snyder, Bend high school student, in a debate on the advisability of increasing the assessed valuation, at today's Commercial club luncheon. Leo Harryman presented the negative argument. No decision was made. The speakers were coached by Miss Naomi Hoskins.

Deschutes county's valuation is about 54 per cent, one of the lowest in the state, said Miss Snyder. Because of the high millage rate, which does not mean higher taxes than the low millage rate in other counties, many prospective investors are discouraged. The lack of real estate business in the county is due in part to this factor, she declared.

The average citizen is not a close student of taxation problems, and therefore does not understand the relation between the assessed valuation ratio and the millage rate, she said.

Increasing the assessed valuation would increase the bonding power of the county, city and of the school districts within the county, so that needed development could take place, and be paid for by the greater population and out of the proceeds of the greater industries of future years, said Miss Snyder. This would not necessarily plunge the county into greater debt, since bond issues can only be authorized by popular vote, she stated.

A ratio of 85 per cent would be about correct for the assessed valuation, Miss Snyder said.

Not Remedy, Declared

The difficulty of raising the rate was pointed out by Leo Harryman in his negative speech, in which he declared that the county had attempted to raise its ratio, and was able to get it only to the present figure. The millage rate is the wrong standard for judging the taxes of the county, and the people should be educated to understand this, he said. Sales prices are not reliable, as they are often inflated, he declared.

Raising the ratio is not the remedy for the taxation situation, Harryman declared. The only remedy is retrenchment, lowering county expenses until taxes can be paid.

Dan R. Conway and Rev. J. L. Webster were introduced as new arrivals in the city, and talked briefly. Judge Morrow, who will occupy the circuit court bench here next week, will be a speaker at the forum luncheon next week, it was announced.

FAVORITE LOSER IN EPSOM DERBY

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
EPSOM, Eng., May 31.—Captain Cuttle, Lord Woolavington's crack three year old, won the great Epsom derby today from a large field of St. Louis, the favorite, did not place.

LACK OF LOGS IS FEARED AS FIRE'S RESULT

Sawing May Be Stopped for Week, Says Meister

WIND SAVES CAMP 1

Household Goods Buried When Flames Turn—Loss Estimated At \$50,000—Four Hundred Fight Conflagration.

A probable cessation of milling operations for perhaps a week at the local plant of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, due to lack of logs, will be the most far reaching result of the fire which burned over 2,000 acres of Shevlin timber west of Bend Tuesday. Shipping has been heavy and the big band saws have been setting a stiff pace for the woods crews, with the result that only enough logs for a three or four days run is now in the pond. Practically the entire supply of logs in the woods was destroyed, or is still on fire, says Logging Superintendent J. H. Meister. He feared that mill operation might be halted for an entire week while waiting for more logs to be cut or for those partly burned to be put in shape for sawing. The conflagration which raged when a change in wind took a slashing fire out of control, had abated this morning until little danger remained that it would spread farther. Something in excess of a million feet of timber was burned, a logging locomotive and skidder damaged, fifteen flat cars and much rigging destroyed, and logging camp number one for a time threatened. Meister stated that the loss would total at least \$50,000, would total at least \$50,000.

Camp Menaced

Four hundred men fought the conflagration yesterday, the number of fire fighters reaching its maximum after employes at camp one had hastily buried their more valued household effects and hurried their wives and children to safety in automobiles, returning to join in combating the spread of the flames. The fire was within less than a quarter of a mile of the edge of the camp when another change in the wind warded off the danger.

Driving for miles through smoke so dense as to be at times absolutely opaque, members of The Bulletin staff reached the threatened camp last night as refugees were struggling back to disinter their belongings, confident that the fiery menace need no longer be reckoned with. One woman, slower than the rest, had just lowered her new sewing machine, her phonograph, and her canary in its cage, into a four foot hole, when the wind turned. As the evening advanced, nearly every house had before it an earth-soiled tarpaulin, a few hours before the covering of the family's treasured possessions.

The return trip to Bend was even more difficult than that to the camp, for fire had felled trees across the road, making necessary detours through soft soil, ashes, and glowing coals. Frequently trees near the road, burning near the roots, threatened the passing car. Seen at a little distance in the night, the burned over area, dotted with stumps still blazing, resembled nothing so much as the camp fires of a vast army encampment.

Autos Crash

The fire made rapid progress from the first, gaining headway about noon, advancing a hundred yards at a jump, creating whirlwinds of flame and tossing fiery masses of burning brush before it into the timber. Loggers battled against the conflagration, then retreated to new strategic points, gambling on a possible change in the direction of the wind to make another stand where the pine growth was less dense. In the fire the fire crowned badly and advanced with increasing rapidity. The Shea locomotive, "three spot" and logging cars were overwhelmed before they could be wheeled out, and the same fate overtook the smaller Lidgeford skidder. Employes who attempted to save them were badly singed before they gave up the task.

Both the logging engine and the skidder can probably be restored in the company's shops without the necessity of sending them to the factories from which they were purchased.

At one time, the danger loomed

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