

Few Forest Fires in 1909

"Last year was the most con- ductive to forest fires of any season in 40 years, yet we came through it with the best showing of any year in the history of Washington," said P. D. Simonds, Jr., chief fire warden for the Washington Forest Fire Association. "It is our first year of thoroughly organized effort," continued the Washington official who was passing through Portland en route to California. "Our satis- faction may be inferred, when it is known that we held the loss down to practically a nominal figure, and kept the total number of fires that started to a much lower figure than has been experienced in many years less favorable for conflagrations."
Second to Oregon, Washington has the greatest stand of timber of any American state. The milling and general manufacturing indus- tries of the state are more than double the lumber manufacture of Oregon at the present time. Wash- ington people foresee their great need of forests in a few years, and are taking time by the forelock in organizing to defend themselves against the greatest consumer of timber in the Pacific Northwest. From Mr. Simonds' statements, it appears that the initial efforts are highly satisfactory, and that all of the timber owners and the people of the state at large have been en- couraged to make their forest fire protective work still better and surer of results.

"What gives us great satisfac- tion," said Mr. Simonds, "is the fact that there were far fewer fires reported this season than in 1908. In the ordinary course of events, the fires of 1909 should have been vastly greater in number, and more disastrous than those of 1908. The fact that we have fewer to report, and the further fact that those few made no serious headway, proves the efficiency of our educa- tional work. It is in this line that the great work in prevention must be done. We educate the people to be careful. Campers, smokers, loggers, railway managers, farmers who burn slashings, and every other citizen is warned and pleaded with to be careful, and set no fire that may spread during the dry season to standing timber. We issue great quantities of literature, send forth warning notices to be posted, and urge all wardens and patrols to meet the people who have business in the forests during the dry spell, and educate them in the duty of caution."

"In 1908 there were 1100 fires reported in the jurisdiction of the association, and in 1909 the number was but 800. This was certainly due to our work, for the season of 1909 favored fires. That some of our 1909 fires did not carry de- struction far and wide was also due I believe, to the prompt work in circumscribing them. In 1902 we had one fire in Skamania and Clark Counties which burned 2,000,000,000 feet of standing timber. The aggregate of all the fires in 1909 was not great. Our outlay in pat- roling, educating the people, and keeping warning notices up was \$45,000. The state of Washington nor any of its people ever made a better investment than this sum."

"In Washington we find that about 60 per cent of the fires that start in our forests originate in a spark sent forth by a locomotive, used by a main-line railway or a logging road. This is a great source of danger, and we hope to have some remedial work inaugurat- ed to reduce the resulting fires. An effort will probably be made to have hance locomotives running through the forests use oil for fuel, or adopt some equally safe means of ar- resting sparks. When burning coal in the style of grate comb in our state, and using the quality of coal generally taken for locomotive fuel, it is very difficult to keep sparks from getting out and igniting dry forest growths along the right way. In reducing the causes of fire, we have to face this problem first, and will probably experience here our most serious struggle. In preventing forest fires, we do not wish to interfere with the industries

of a state, but want to reach a plan of action that will protect our im- mensely valuable timber, while not imposing undue burdens upon rail- ways or others." Oregon and Montana being the only two states of the Northwest or extreme West where fire protection in the forests has not been under- taken by organized effort, all in- terested in timber conservation are eager to see an effort made here. Mr. Simonds voices the common de- sire. He thinks that when the peo- ple of Oregon study results attained in Washington and Idaho, every one will insist upon protective as- sociations getting into the field as quickly as possible. Mr. Simonds also believes that this line of effort has the farther value of calling the attention of the people at large to the tremendous resources had in their timber, and of the prime necessity of protecting and develop- ing this wealth.—Journal.

ILL-HEALTH IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN ANY CURE. This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung troubles or chronic catarrh re- sulting from neglected colds and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

Those Who Don't Advertise

Portland, Or. Dec. 14— "Sneaks and thieves don't advertise," was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinnville minister. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent pub- licity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific Northwest and the ben- efits alike to the newcomer and the country settled. Each settler means added wealth to the state and in return the Pacific states offer great opportunity to the man from the older sections of the country. The Northwest has a duty to per- form, believes this pastor, in bring- ing people from the overcrowded districts of the east to this land of opportunity and live cities in the Northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting set- tlers.

FOR THAT DULL FEELING AFTER EATING "I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating,—Davy Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Got a free sample at Lowe's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is."

Arleta Wives Lectured

In a trial by jury yesterday which began in the afternoon and was continued until 6 o'clock last evening, Mrs. Bessie Day, Mrs. Maude Newell and Mrs. Mary Huffman, of South First street, Arleta Park No. 3, were acquitted of the charge of disorderly conduct filed against them by several of their neighbors. It was a neighborhood row which resulted in bringing out all the residents of the vicinity as witness es, crowding the Municipal Court to its utmost. In reality, the charge against the women was that after their husbands had gone to work in the morning they would hang over their backyard fences and in loud tones, that could be heard all over the neighborhood, they would grill all the women they did not like. Both sides had from 30 to 40 witnesses, most of them women. Judge Bennett refused to listen to all of the women's testimony. He took occasion to lecture the wives of Arleta at the conclusion of the case and advised them to refrain from gossip.—Oregonian.

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Mask Ball

Attend the grand mask ball which will be given at Oriental hall Christ- mas eve for the benefit of the G. A. R. Post. According to report of ex- pert contractors heretofore given the building is absolutely safe for any gathering. Every ticket holder will have a chance to draw a valuable door prize. Masquers will be awarded



the floor prizes. Good music and good assistants are secured.

Door committee: J. W. Felter, Thos. Coates, Ed. Henry and Pat Hanrahan. Floor committee: R. H. Rosa, D. A. Felter and J. J. O'Neill. Floor manager: D. A. Patterson.

Tickets on sale at usual places and can be bought at door on the evening of the ball. Ball tickets \$1.00. General admission tickets for spec- tators and ladies 25 cents.

Come one, come all, and enjoy a good time and carry a prize home with you. 49 2t

Body Found at Tillamook

The Coos Bay Times of Thursday Dec. 16th says: "Andrew Wickman of Empire, this morning received a telegram from Captain Wicklund of the Tillamook Life Saving Station, stating that the body of his brother, Henry Wickman, who lost his life while trying to aid in the rescue of the passengers on board the Argo at the time of the disaster there a few weeks ago, had been found. Later today, Mr. Wickman received another telegram stating that the body had been found at Elk creek, about eight and a half miles south of the point where the lifeboat cap- sized. The coroner had gone to the scene.

"Mr. Wickman wired immediately to have the body sent here for burial and he is hopeful that it will reach here on the Alliance next Monday.

"The finding of the body of Henry Wickman is a great relief to the family as they had practically given up hope. A few weeks ago, when Andrew Wickman went to Tillamook he traversed all the beach there in a vain endeavor to find the body. The life preserver that Henry had worn was found on the beach a short distance from Elk Creek."

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The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. Sold by C. Y. Lowe.

J. M. Moore Dies in Walla Walla

Roy Moore has received word of the death of his father, J. M. Moore at Walla Walla, Wash., which occurred December 8, after a long illness of complications due to advanced age. Owing to inability to get there in time for the funeral, Mr Moore will not go to Walla Walla now.

The deceased was a former resi- dent of Coos Bay and is well re- membered by the pioneer residen- s of this section. Thirty-six or thirty- eight years ago, he ran a logging camp on South Slough and was one of the earliest loggers in this section. Later he moved northward and finally located at Walla Walla, where the family home has been for years.

Mr. Moore crossed the plains to

Oregon in 1845 and spent most of his life from then on in this state. He was one of the first settlers in Yamhill county. A. G. Aiken was connected with Mr. Moore in his logging operations here when the ox teams did the work now done by the donkey engines.—Times.

Loses Foot Between Logs

North Bend, Dec. 11—Erick Sul- heim, a young man from the Coquille Valley, had his right foot amputated near the ankle at Mercy hospital in North Bend this morning as a result of an accident at Archie Phillip's camp of the Smith-Powers Logging Company on South Slough. His foot was caught between two large logs in the chute and was crushed to a pulp, the sole of the shoe being split and the battered flesh crowded out through the aperture.

Sulheim is a young man and his parents reside on a ranch in the Co- quille Valley. The accident in camp occurred this morning and Sulheim was quickly brought to North Bend by Mr. Phillip personally.

When you have pains or lameness in the back, limbs, the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of the pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

State dairymen and fruit growers held their annual conventions in Portland during the past week and both were well attended and very successful. Both these great indus- tries will receive a decided impetus from the gatherings of the past week. Better acquaintance of the men actively engaged in dairying and horticulture has resulted and the interchange of ideas is always valuable. Thursday night a recep- tion to the two bodies was given by the Commercial Club. A valuable suggestion was made by President H. C. Atwell of the fruit growers, who advises an annual fruit show in Portland at which all sections of the state shall be represented. This idea is being taken up actively by all interested in the development of the state along these lines and the advantages that may be expected to result are very great.

HOW ONE DOCTOR SUCCESSFULLY TREAT PNEUMONIA

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife, for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recom- mend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

Postmaster Curtis has not been advised of any action by the Post Office Department on the bids for a star route Sunday service between Coos Bay and Myrtle Point. The bids were to have been opened December 6. Senator Chamberlain and Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart write that the post-office department cannot allow the local road more pay than \$42.75 per mile, now allowed, until after the regular weighing of mails in Oregon next spring. The letters are in response to the offer of General Man- ager Mills through the Chamber of Commerce to put on Sunday trains for the mail service providing he was allowed extra pay for the additional mail that has been handled on the railway since the mail service was changed from the old Coos Bay wagon road.—Times.

City Transfer

All kinds of draying and transfer- ing FOR SALE—mill wood- run Co's 4 mil \$2.00 per load. Cash sold and delivered at lowest prices. J. Jenkins, Prop.

Advertisement for Lodge and Professional Directory. Includes information about Lodge No. 48, Dr. H. L. Houston (Physician & Surgeon), Dr. S. L. Perkins (Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.), Dr. L. P. Sorensen (Dentist), G. T. Treadgold (Attorney and Counselor-at-Law), Dr. H. M. Brown (Resident Dentist), C. R. Barrow (Attorney and Counselor-at-Law), and Dr. J. D. Kelley (Physician and Surgeon).

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