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FOREST FIRES SWEEP COUNTRY

Much Valuable Timber, Many Homes and Other Buildings Have Been Consumed

HIGH WINDS FAN THE BLAZE FOR 48 HOURS

Timely Assistance From Portland Holds Blaze in Abate at a Point Near Minsinger's Mill

During the past three days the people of Gresham and surrounding country have been greatly excited and alarmed concerning the forest fires which are raging in all directions and are sweeping the country for miles. Fire-fighters numbering in the hundreds are setting forth all human effort to save some of the many properties and timber threatened. The fire has not reached near Gresham, nor is the town in any way endangered from the general conflagration, but nevertheless guards are constantly on the lookout for minor fires, which might start. The high wind which prevailed for two days and nights blowing at a 30-mile rate from the east, and only subsided Wednesday afternoon, added much to the danger.

It is reported that a fire in a grove just east of the city caused much anxiety and required constant attention but as the wind quieted down it was extinguished.

The fire is now raging in the Mt. Hood road district and has swept the timber and settlement before it. Beginning in the vicinity of Dover it swept north and jumped the Sandy river as a small boy would hurdle an irrigation ditch.

It has taken the Marmot bridge, and a number of bridges above that point. At 6 o'clock Thursday night the fire had a seven-mile frontage. It had covered Zig Zag Mountain, and swept to

within two miles of Sandy. A report from Sandy this morning is to the effect that the town is still in some danger but as there is no wind it is generally believed the town can be saved.

Forest Supervisor Sherrard reports that the towns of Firwood and Cherryville are in great danger.

People at Rhododendron were yesterday placed aboard wagons, and with household effects piled on the same rigs, were started out for safety. Rhododendron Tavern has not burned, although the fire has encircled the place.

From Dover to Sandy is a blackened waste, the fire being held at a point near the Messinger mill, above Aschoff through the timely arrival of men sent from Portland in automobiles. The mills are near Sandy and their safety depends largely upon the direction of the wind.

A false report was published by the Portland papers this morning to the effect that the Proctor & Straess mill had burned. A dispatch from there states that the mill still stands and that the fire is one mile distant.

A summary of destruction as far as can be learned today is as follows: The King hotel on the Mount Hood road, three families on the Boring road on the Halsted place have lost their homes, the Stone ranch, and the Toll Gate tavern, the Salmon river post-office, numerous farm houses, immense quantities of timber and cordwood that cannot at this time be estimated.

Fire has burned on both sides of the O. W. P. tracks from Boring to Haley and Hoover spur. From Hoover to Bateluh is also burned.

Big Temperance Rally at Lents

The first gun of the "Oregon Dry in 1910" campaign was fired at Lents at a temperance rally held in the campmeeting tent on Foster road, Sunday afternoon, under auspices of Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. There were rousing songs by a union choir led by Mr. Sohuson.

After opening exercises led by Mrs. Hoskins and Rev. Carr, Rev. Martin was introduced and gave a short address brimful of telling facts.

The principal speaker was Mr. Critchlow, of Portland, who handled the economic phase of the liquor problem in a masterful manner. He drew no fancy picture but gave figures, facts and logic that were unanswerable and convincing. He was well-listened to with the closest attention by a large audience.

Announcements were made of other meetings as follows:

Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. regular meetings, first, second and fourth Wednesdays, at Evangelical church, 2:30 p. m.

Saturday evenings, at 8 o'clock, a street meeting will be held on Main street, Lents.

Sunday, at 4 p. m., the temperance forces will unite with Evangelist Clara Badgley in holding temperance meetings on Plaza opposite county court house.

The Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. is an up-to-date union, and for several months has had two meetings per month for systematic study of sociology. M. S. Addison, who is national lecturer and associate superintendent of the social science section of the National W. C. T. U., is leader. The educational value of these meetings cannot be overestimated. They are free and visitors are always welcome.

Multnomah Grange, Orient, will give a dance, Saturday evening, Aug. 20. Richards' orchestra will furnish the music. Supper will be served. Popular price.

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Farewell Reception

Fairview Aug. 25.—A farewell reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Townsend at their home Tuesday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in conversation and games after which the dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Messrs. and Madames J. W. Townsend, R. Tegart, E. A. Whitney, W. H. Mashburn, A. L. Copeland, C. I. Baker, D. S. Dunbar, Wm. Tegart, R. D. Bailey, C. Shepherd, S. N. Faris, J. B. Bowman, E. D. Holgate, Madames J. T. Stillion, Grace Ross, A. Kronenberg, M. D. Bailey, C. Bracken, Louie Kummer, J. N. Herbert, Emily Jackson, M. C. Cornett, Misses Alta Wilcox, Ruth Jackson, Rachel Cook, Daisy Stillion, Birdie Marshburn, Eva Jackson, Blanche Eldridge, Blythe Copeland, A. Bracken, Eva Townsend, Lillian Copeland, Emma Johnson, Leona Bailey, Marguerite Bailey, Teddie Jackson, Winifred Tegart, Freda Herbert, Dorothy Benecke, Josephine Townsend, Messrs. J. O. Coleman, A. T. Axtell, Clifford Copeland, Cedric Stone, Reed Eldridge, Perry Dolph, Chester Kronenberg, W. E. Townsend, W. E. Tegart, Ellsworth, Raker, Leo Bailey.

Secret of Handling a Balky Horse

A tired balky horse is less apt to balk than one fresh from the stable, and such horses are oftentimes kept in harness right up to the time of sale. This is a "David Harum" trick and well worth remembering. Also, when a horse balks, be careful to examine his shoulders. Soreness of the skin may be the cause. It is a trick of the "gyps" secretly to bathe the shoulders of a horse with an irritating solution which in 12 hours or less makes the animal refuse to pull in harness. They do this with horses on which they propose making a bid the following day in the hope that when the victim balks the owner will become disgusted and discount the price. Some horses balk when worked in single harness but go right when hitched double. Chloroform is sometimes used to make a balky horse stupid, so that he will forget to balk.

Kindness, petting, coaxing with a lump of sugar, carrot, apple or other dainty some times succeeds with a balky horse when harsh measures fail. Cruel procedures should be discontinued and punished and among these the worst tricks, perhaps, is to start a fire of paper, straw or brush under the balker. Sometimes all that is necessary is to distract the horse's attention by pounding lightly with a stone on the shoe of one fore foot, by tying a cord around under the knee, or by holding up one foot a few minutes.

When a horse balks, one way of curing him is to remove the harness, put on a halter, pull his head around to his side and tie the halter rope in a slipknot to a strand of two of the tail hair, so as to keep the head well toward the tail. Then he is forced to walk around in a circle until he staggers and is ready to drop, when the rope may be loosed and the horse will be likely to behave and remember the lesson for some time.

Some horses balk by lying down and refusing to budge. If the four feet of such a sulker are "hog-tied" together and he is abandoned and allowed to remain tied for an hour or two, he will usually be thankful to get up and go on when set at liberty.—Horse Secrets.

The Ontario Plan

The Province of Ontario, Canada, disposes of its timber by periodical sales. These sales are extensively advertised for months and bring in buyers from all Eastern Canada and the border states. The timber land is surveyed and blocked off in tracts. These tracts of timber are sold, subject to stampage or royalty to the highest bidder. Only certain species of timber may be cut. Nothing under twelve inches and no other timber except such as is specified may be cut unless absolutely necessary to enable the logs to be gotten out. The buyer has a certain number of years in which to cut the timber, at the expiration of which period the land reverts to the province and is thrown open to settlement, or, if still too remote for settlement, is turned back for another growth of timber. These sales yield from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 each. As a result Ontario is the lightest taxed community in North America. It is also the greatest agricultural community and has the best public school system.

McArthur's Record

In Oregon we have had lawmakers and lawmakers. One of them was the Hon. Pat McArthur. He voted for the notorious Bean-Brooke bill. It proposed to make it a misdemeanor for a legislative candidate to take Statement No. 1. It provided severe penalties for violations. If it had passed, it would have killed people's choice of United States senator in Oregon. It struck at the very root of the plan by which people in this state select their senator, and proposed to force the selection of the senator back into the legislature. It was so odious a bill that, though McArthur and several other legislators attempted its passage, the house rejected it.

What spectacle was this in law-making? The people passed the primary law making direct election of senator through Statement No. 1 lawfully. Mr. McArthur and his friends in complete contempt of the people's action, attempted to make it unlawful. They sought in the legislature to undo what which the citizens in their sovereign capacity had done at the ballot box. In effect, they attempted to make it unlawful for the people to select their senator. It was a bold scheme to assassinate one of the best measures in effect in this state. After thus revealing his hand, is Mr. McArthur the kind of agent to be entrusted with the lawmaking power? Do the people want a law passed making it a crime for them to desire to choose their own senator? If not, before they vote in the coming primaries, they had better scrutinize Mr. McArthur's legislative record.—Oregon Daily Journal.

Apple Crop of Northwest is a Bouncer

Apple-growers in the Pacific, or box group, taking in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, will this year have the largest crop ever harvested in these states and the fruit promises to be of extraordinary good quality, according to a report on the condition of the yield in the United States and Canada, received by W. D. Finley, assistant secretary in Spokane of the fifth Dry Farming Congress, from C. P. Rothwell, secretary of the International Apple Shippers' association. The report says in part:

"The Pacific group shows a decline in but one important state—Colorado. There are heavy increases in Washington and Oregon, and heavy increases in the less important states of Idaho and Utah. The important state of California shows a moderate increase of 15 per cent, and for the whole group an increase of 50 per cent over a year ago is promised."

The output of Washington and Idaho will be 200 per cent better than in 1909, Mr. Rothwell says, while Oregon's crop will be 175 per cent ahead of last year. Montana and New Mexico are 10 per cent under a year ago; Utah, 100 per cent better; California, 15 per cent increase, and Colorado, 30 per cent less than 1909.

"In accordance with the practice of our association for several years," Mr. Rothwell explains, "we make last year's crop in each state the basis for this year's estimate, increasing or diminishing the percentage as the crop is correspondingly lighter or heavier. For illustration: If a given state is rated at 80 per cent, it means the crop this year is equal to four-fifths of the crop of a year ago, or if given at 200 per cent, the crop in such state is just twice as large as a year ago.

"Upon the important question of quality I will say that it decidedly better than in 1909. New England, New York and Ohio all promise a much better quality than a year ago, than does all the southern group while the Pacific group promises exceptionally good quality for the entire group, which will be the heaviest ever harvested."

DOVER

A. Miller has moved into his new house which is now partly finished. Mr. Huntington and family were in Dover last Sunday.

W. P. Roberts was in Sandy last Tuesday.

Mr. Turner and wife of Portland were visiting Mr. Simister last week.

Fred Black has been spending a few days in the mountains picking huckleberries.

Victor Bodley and Mr. Cory are putting in telephones at Sandy.

FAIR ASSOCIATION GETS BUSY

Preparing for the Big Grange Fair Which Takes Place in Gresham Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 2.

A RACING PROGRAM MAY BE ADDED TO FAIR

An Important Meeting Held--Grange May Put in a Large Dining Hall--Attractions Signing Up.

A special meeting of the Fair board was held last Friday and several matters of immediate importance were discussed. The conditions upon which concessions were to be taken in and the plans for providing good lunch counters and dining halls were talked over. It is probable that some grange will accept the offer for putting in a first-class dining hall, and some smaller stands will be admitted. It is probable that the Fair association will conduct its own refreshment stands. Arrangements have already been made for a merry-go-round and some other features are in view.

It has been decided to have a children's day and to offer some prizes to lucky numbers. This idea proved quite a drawing feature last year. Children's day will be Saturday, October 1.

Arrangements are under way to secure the services of the Oregon Male quartet for the Sunday program. This organization gave a concert the last evening of the fair last year and it was generally conceded to be the best thing of the entire season. They will appear at the state fair and at the country club and it is evident that their work stands in very high esteem wherever they are known.

Arrangements are well under way for putting on a number of racing events. The agreements are pretty well arranged under which a part of the fair grounds are to be leased to the Multnomah Driving Association and immediate work will be started on the grading of the track and the building of suitable barns.

There will be another meeting of the Fair association held in Gresham Saturday.

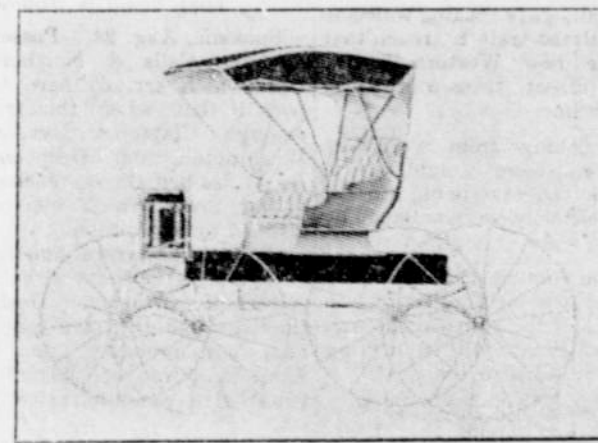
Bids Wanted.

Bids are wanted for nine cords of good wood, bidder to specify quality. Bids received till August 30. E. E. Welington, Clerk, Dist. 8, Troutdale, Ore.

When you hear an evil report about anyone, halve it, then quarter it, then say nothing about it.—Spurgeon.

The next annual meeting of the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers will be held at Washington, D. C., November 14 to 16, 1910. At the same place and beginning November 16 will be held the annual meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. Weekly Oregonian and Herald \$2.00

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