

News From Various Parts Of The Country

TO FIGHT OREGON

FOREST FIRES

An Appropriation of \$25,000 Made to Fight Oregon Forest Fires.

Washington, July 23.—The senate to a conference report on the sundry civil bill, including an appropriation of \$25,000 to enable the Interior Department and the Forest Service to protect against fire all lands in Oregon involved in the Oregon and California land grant suit.

Harvest Hands Go North

Railroads Overrun With Men Beating Their Way to Wheat Fields.

Omaha, Neb., July 23.—Two hundred thousand dollars' worth of railroad transportation has been stolen from Nebraska railroads this year by harvesters "beating" their way to wheat fields. This estimate was made at the headquarters of the State Railway Commission.

Freight trains of all roads have been overrun with nonpaying passengers for the last six weeks. The railroads have made little effort to prevent the practice. There is a law in Nebraska making the stealing of a railroad ride a felony, but no effort is being made to enforce the statute.

Two hundred harvest hands today took possession of a Northwestern train west of Omaha and forced the trainmen to carry them to the harvest fields in Northeastern Nebraska.

OFFICER'S DIGNITY SACRED

Two Girls Who Laughed at Him Each Fined \$10.

New York, July 21.—Magistrate Ten Eyck agreed with Patrolman Campbell that making merry with an officer of the law on whose manly shoulder his young lady companion lays her head, is a finable offense.

He imposed a fine of \$10 each on Rose and Mary Smith, sisters, 24 and 28 years old, respectively. The charge was disorderly conduct.

Campbell said he was returning on a trolley over the Queensboro bridge with Miss Emma Blome, after spending the day in Long Island. Miss Blome was tired and rested her head on his shoulder.

Then it was the Smith girls laughed, and one of them said: "Why don't you wait until you get home?"

When he got off the car the Smith girls followed him, Campbell said, and their remarks became so annoying he arrested them.

They told the magistrate they were only joking and meant no harm. Together the two were able to pay Rose's fine and then she hurried out and got money to free Mary.

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Ore. Fire Relief Associ'n, McMinnville. F. K. Hubbard, local agent.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING

Hurry-up Calls Comes to Portland to Send Out Fighters.

DISTRICT NEAR OSWEGO THREATENED Large Section Already Devastated and the Flames Still Rush On.

Forest fires are beginning to spring up in various sections of the country. A report stated that the fires between Fulton Station and Oswego had again assumed alarming proportions and that there was great danger of the entire section being wiped out.

Several miles of territory have already been devastated. Besides the timber, several homes have been swept away in the path. The Goodwin Shingle Works, the yards of the Patterson Fuel Company and the Holman Fuel Company are reported to have been destroyed.

The fire started last Saturday. Men and women fought it desperately. Word was sent to the Sheriff who took two automobile loads of prisoners out with axes and shovels to dig trenches and cut away brush and logs. By daylight they had the fire fairly well under control. All telephone lines in the vicinity were destroyed and it was necessary to go several miles to reach a telephone in working order.

ORNAMENTAL OFFICERS OF MILITIA ARE GONE

Succumb To Paper Mortality When Strict Regulation is Enforced

Washington, July 20.—Application of the new militia laws to

the National Guard has caused a heavy paper mortality among the highly ornamental officers. The requirement that the militia conform in organization to regular Army standards has been met by all of the states except South Carolina with the startling result that there have already been dropped three Major-Generals, 30 Brigadier-Generals, more than 100 Colonels and a corresponding number of officers of less rank.

As a result of these changes, there has been a great improvement in the physical fitness of the enlisted force of the militia and progress in the instruction of officers who are now really availing themselves of the kindly criticisms of the inspection officers of the United States Army working among them.

UNIONS FINANCE FIGHT

California Organized Labor To Be Assessed 5 Cents Each

San Francisco, July 23.—Every union man in California will be assessed 5 cents a week to aid in financing the union side of a controversy between the Merchants' Manufacturers' and Employers' Association of Stockton and the unions. Action to this effect was decided Saturday at a conference of San Francisco and state labor representatives.

National and international unions whose locals are involved have sent representatives who shortly will form an executive council with the assistance of the locals to take charge of the situation.

Homesteaders' Aid Wins

House Passes Sinott Bill Giving Additional Acquisition Rights

Washington, July 22.—Representative Sinnott secured the passage through the House of his bill providing that any homesteader who has acquired patent to 160 acres of land in a section where the enlarged homesteading is permitted may acquire 160 acres additional and contiguously located, thus making his entire holdings 320 acres.

As the law now stands, additional entry may not be made after final proof has been made.

Will Open Land In Umpqua Forest

Sixteen Sections Included In Acreage to Be Opened to Entry to Homesteaders Next Fall

Roseburg, Oregon, July 23.—An order has been received at Roseburg land office to the effect that 16 sections of land formerly a part of the Umpqua national forest reserve, will be opened to entry to homesteaders October 2. Most of the land is heavily timbered and is situated almost directly west of Roseburg on the Coast Range mountains and near the head of Coos river.

The purpose of removing this land from the forest reserve is thought to be, to make the reserve more regular and the remaining portions easier to patrol. The land will be open to settlement September 3, and to entry October 2, although entries may be filed as early as September 12.

The sections of land open to entry are scattered in three twp' 20, 24 and 86 to 30 inclusive, and 32 33 and 34 in townships 26-8 section 4, township 27-8, and sections 10 and 14, township 28-9.

WHERE FARMER IS KING

Need of Organization Among Farmers and Fruit-growers and Benefits That May Result

On various trips I note from time to time the advancement of various parts of the country.

Some ten years ago I was at Puyallup, Wash., when there was considerable agitation and more aggravation among the farmers in that vicinity owing to the fact that they were having difficulty in marketing their products. A few claimed that they should raise more and better, the rest rebutted their argument with, what's the use, we can't sell what we now produce. The former few declared that was exactly the reason that they should raise more, so that they need not depend on home market but could ship in quantity to whatever part of the country needed their produce, and that they should raise the best quality possible so that they could establish a distinct brand that the consumers might feel that they could rely on. With this resolution in mind these few energetic, progressive farmers put their heads together and organized the Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers Association. Today they have 1400 members. A recent statement shows that they are now doing more than \$1,000,000 business annually. While the total capitalization of the Association is but \$2,300.

The Association gives to its members two advantages. First it furnishes a market for their products at a price which invariably is above what other farmers get and second it furnishes their supplies, such as crates fertilizer etc, at a lower rate than other farmers pay. These two advantages make

the Puyallup and Sumner valleys among the most prosperous communities in the world. I believe the Little Luckiamute valley is capable of growing just as good and as many berries per acre as the Puyallup district, in fact Falls City district has the advantage of having different classes of soil suitable for raising different varieties of fruit, vegetables, etc., which should give a longer and more profitable harvesting season.

But if the Falls City farmers make a success they must get together, raise more so they can ship in quantity, and the very best of quality so as to establish a distinct brand that the consumers throughout the world would seek. The following newspaper clipping should give you a better idea of what grew out of the small beginning of the few men who had the nerve to put their shoulder together and push ahead.

\$37,500 Paid Pickers

Tacoma, Wash., July 16.—The Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers' Association mailed checks at its Puyallup office today for \$37,500 to meet the pay roll of the growers to berry pickers this week. This is the largest amount of money ever distributed in one day by the association. It has orders for 3,000,000 cans of berries this year, which is double the record pack of last year. More than 450,000 pounds of berries worth more than \$18,000 are being received daily at the Puyallup and Sumner receiving stations.

Fifteen thousand pickers are being employed in harvesting the red raspberry crop, which is now at its height. The Puyallup and Sumner stations (Continued on page 4)

Anti-Dry Signs are in Violation of Law

Centurions' Chirman Warns Printing Company About Posters in Saloons.

Portland, Ore., July 22.—J. E. Wheeler, as chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, has sent the following letter to the Press Printing and Advertising Co.:

Over the cash register of nearly every saloon in Portland there are to be found today posters which purport to discuss the Oregon dry question from a brewer and saloon keeper's standpoint. These posters apparently make a direct appeal to the patrons of saloons to vote against prohibition so that the saloon and brewery may continue to receive their quota of the earnings of the community.

We note that these posters are printed by your organization. By so doing you have rendered yourself liable to a fine of \$1,000.

The Corrupt Practices Act distinctly states that all such posters or placards must be signed with the name of the author. In two instances of which we have specimens in the office posters were printed unsigned except with the name of your firm as printers.

We should like you to warn your brewer friends and the saloon keepers displaying these signs that they are rendering themselves liable to a fine of \$1,000 each. It would be possible to collect a total fine for this violation

of the law of over \$500,000.

We earnestly trust that in this instance the brewers and saloon keepers are not deliberately evading the law, or showing a contempt for it. We desire to give them an opportunity to remedy what was a most unquestionable error, but at the same time we would remind you and trust you will convey this warning to your employers, that we intend to see that every statement made on behalf of a "wet" Oregon is properly sponsored.

In this instance we do not feel it our duty to institute prosecutions, but would advise strongly that every one of the posters now displayed in direct violation of the law be withdrawn.

For your convenience we are giving you herewith section 3519 of statutes relating to elections, Lord's Oregon laws: "It shall be unlawful to write, print or circulate through the mails or otherwise any letter, circular, bill, placard or poster relating to any election or to any candidate at any election, unless the same shall bear on its face the name and address of the author, and of the printer and publisher thereof; and any person writing, printing, publishing, circulating, posting or causing to be written, printed, circulated, posted or published any such letter, bill, placard, circular or poster as aforesaid, which fails to bear on its face the name and address of the author and the printer or publisher shall be guilty of an illegal practice, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$1000."

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