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300,000 FEET OF LUMBER TOLL OF FOREST FLAMES

Dangerous Fire on Little River Near Black Butte Extinguished Only After Hard Fight by Warden Brumbaugh with Crew of Eight Men.

Five Conflagrations in Progress at Same Time

Fire on Smith River Controlled by Warden Shortridge and Crew Only After Month of Fighting.—Several Small Fires Reported on Row River.

In the neighborhood of 2,000 acres of the forest reserve were burned over in the recent fires in the London country. Probably 200,000 or 300,000 feet of timber were destroyed.

There were five fires in progress at one time, the most serious being on Little River near Black Butte. Fire Warden Frank Brumbaugh and a crew of eight men have at last succeeded in getting this and another smaller fire under control.

Fire Warden S. P. Shortridge has succeeded in getting three fires under control in the same territory. The fire on Wilson Creek, which is still burning some, required a month's fighting with crews ranging from three to six men. About 500 acres were burned over in the three fires handled by Mr. Shortridge and about 100,000 feet of timber destroyed. He does not know exactly how much territory was burned over in the fires handled by Mr. Brumbaugh, but estimates it at about 1500 acres. It is probable that at least 200,000 feet of timber were destroyed on that large acreage.

Several fires occurred in the Row River country during the past week. One was west of the river near Row River postoffice and was extinguished by Warden Dave Brumbaugh and crew before it gained much headway. Two or three small fires occurred near the mouth of Teeters Creek and at least one threatened to destroy one or two buildings.

The origin of all the fires is not known but it is thought that one was set to clear some land and that one or two caught accidentally from slashings that were being burned.

Ex-Senator Fulton Visits Here.

Ex-Senator C. W. Fulton, Mrs. Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fulton of Astoria were in the city Thursday afternoon for a short time and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eakin, uncle and aunt of Mrs. Frederick Fulton, who was Miss Barbara Eakin before her marriage. Mrs. Fulton visited the Eakin family frequently before her marriage.

Hunting Season Re-opens.

The hunting season, closed by proclamation of Governor West, re-opened Tuesday, no further proclamation having been issued. The woods are in a more dangerous condition than when the season closed. The extremely dryness of the brush makes hunting difficult and it is not likely that much hunting will be attempted until after a rain.

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GROVE RIFLEMEN WIN TIBBETTS TROPHY AT CLACKAMAS

Sixth Co. Team Is Composed Entirely of New Men and Usual Number of Honors Are Not Brought Home.—Private Tennis Distinguishes Himself.

The Sixth Company rifle team did not carry off the usual number of honors at the recent state shoot at Clackamas. L. C. Tennis, however, won the National Rifle Association matches and carried off the Tibbetts trophy. This is the first time this trophy has been put up. Private Tennis was also successful in securing a place with the artillery corps in these contests.

The reason that the Cottage Grove team did not carry off more honors was because it was composed entirely of new men. The crack shots who have assisted before in bringing home the honors were unable to go this year. The team was composed of Lieutenant Woods, Corporal Palmer, Privates Hull and Tennis. Merle Scovell was captain of the team, Capt. J. C. Johnson attending as range officer.

ANOTHER BUNGALOW FOR WEST MAIN ST.

Sherman Godard has received a contract for a modern bungalow on West Main Street. The name of the person for whom it is to be built has not been made public.

Mr. Godard has also received the contract for constructing an addition to the Dorena school house.

LOCAL WOMEN ON PROGRAM AT EUGENE

Mrs. K. B. Woods and Mrs. L. R. DeSpain of this city are on the program at the two days' session of the county W. C. T. U. being held in Eugene. Mrs. Woods is president of the county union and conducts the session. Her subject is, "Lumbermen and Miners." Mrs. DeSpain is president of the local union and speaks during local presidents' hour.

EXHIBIT BUILDING IS READY FOR FALL FAIR

Fruit and Vegetable Committee Accepting Exhibits and Putting Them Into Cold Storage.—Cult Show and Better Babies Contest Will Be Features.

The old high school building is ready for the opening of the grange fair September 17. All that is now necessary to make the fair a success is for the growers to bring in the exhibits. The committees in charge have received reports that indicate that the exhibits will be much more extensive than they have been at either of the previous exhibitions. A large amount of fruit and vegetables has already been collected by the fruit committee and put into cold storage. Clint Stewart, John Bader and Oliver Veatch are the members of this committee and will care for perishable produce.

All exhibits must be at the building before 3 o'clock Thursday, September 17, the opening day.

Two special features of the fair will be the cult show Friday afternoon and the better babies contest Saturday afternoon.

At the meeting of the fair board last week a sports committee was appointed, consisting of G. M. Marksbury, S. L. Mackin and Curtis Veatch.

If a want ad. in The Sentinel gets you something you don't want, just put in another ad. and get rid of the article.

Fire Heroes Risk Lives For Clothing Dummy

Friends of Larry Brumfield and Phil Hohl have a good joke on them as the result of the recent fire at the J. H. Boldon store. The men were doing heroic work in saving the stock when they discovered what appeared to be a well-dressed woman standing in a corner where she would soon be asphyxiated with smoke. Not forgetting chivalry in even so exciting a moment, the men rushed in, grasped the woman and carried her to the fresh air, where she glared at them blankly. At first the men were inclined to believe that the woman had died standing erect. Heroic measures were necessary to bring back the spark of life. Grasping the woman's arms—No, they did not grasp her arms. They started to but could find none. Then it dawned upon them that they had saved a clothing dummy.

Messrs. Brumfield and Hohl were not the only ones fooled in a like manner during the progress of the fire. Another man using more profanity than the occasion seemed to require was admonished that "a woman is standing there." He looked at the supposed woman and shut up like a clam.

Alexander Churchill Is Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Churchill returned Friday evening from Coles Valley, Douglas County, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Churchill's brother, Alexander Hamilton Churchill, of Hopmore, Marion County. Mr. Churchill died in Salem August 26, after an illness of several weeks. He was well known in this city as he had visited here frequently. He crossed the plains from Iowa in 1854 and settled in Douglas County, where he lived until a few years ago, when he moved with his family to Hopmore. He was buried on the old homestead of the Churchill family.

Shrivelled Trees Given Away Now Bear Fruit Profusely

If any further proof were necessary that this is an extraordinary peach year, Wm. Landess has that proof in four three-year-old trees.

The trees were given him by J. H. Boldon when he was setting out his orchard on his place on Knox Hill. The trees were somewhat shriveled up, but Mr. Landess thought he would be ungrateful indeed if he did not at least plant trees that were given him. He put the entire four into the ground side by side and only a few feet apart at the rear of his woodshed. Protected by the shed they have grown to a height of about fourteen feet in the three years and are weighed down with fruit of the early Crawford variety.

Grain Is Light.

The Scott-Christman threshing outfit has completed the season's run in the Row River and Mosby Creek valleys. The run was a fairly good one but all grain was light on account of the unusual dry season.

Confirms Report of Resumption.

W. S. Zimmerman, who is interested with his brother, W. J. Zimmerman, in the West Coast properties in the Bohemia district, left for Portland last Wednesday. He confirmed the report of the contemplated resumption of operations at the properties.

Legal blanks—The Sentinel.

Glad to Get Back to C. G. and Comfortable Weather

Didn't Do So Bad.
Several humorous incidents were recorded in connection with the recent fire. One happened to a couple of young men who were going away on the night train shortly after the fire. They were togged up in their best and much of their clothing appeared to be new. A friend approached, looked them over and exclaimed, "Well you didn't do so bad at the fire, did you?"

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Appreciating to the fullest extent the moderate climate of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette Valley, C. W. Caldwell returned Friday from a trip to Nebraska and Colorado. In Nebraska particularly he found the heat very oppressive and says that for two weeks he thought he would die.

Mr. Caldwell found financial conditions in the Middle West much the same that they are here. Times are slow at present, but with large crops and the prospect of big prices the future looks bright to the grain farmer.

Monied Men Come Prepared to Develop Old Long Placer Claim

Mine Formerly Owned by Recluse and About Which Considerable Mystery Hangs, May Become Active Producer at Early Date.—Property Is Isolated.

The Bohemia district, long famous for the quality of its gold bearing quartz, may become famous as a placer mining section. A party of men, reported to represent considerable wealth, went into the district quietly a few days ago to inspect the old Long placer claim and it is understood that if the property comes up to the representations that have been made to them they are ready to spend any amount of money necessary in development work.

Very little is known about this property by miners in the district. It is located quite a distance from any of the active quartz properties and is reached only by a trail which is difficult to travel. Old Man Long, the former owner, lived the life of a recluse and died alone in his cabin in midwinter a couple years ago without leaving any clue, so far as is known to the miners of the district, as to the value of his property. No attention was paid to the property after the death of the owner until Mrs. Florence L. Harris, only daughter of Mr. Long, arrived here from Los Angeles a couple months ago. J. R. Cheatham, a mining engineer, accompanied her. When they returned from the hills he said the property was one of the best in one of the best mining districts in the world. W. H. Davis of Los Angeles, reputed to represent considerable capital, accompanied the party at that time and said if proper co-operation in the building of roads could be secured, arrangements would soon be perfected for going ahead with development work. When the party left here its members said they would return as soon as arrangements for carrying the work forward could be completed. It is now thought that these plans are about to materialize.

Under \$1500 Exemption Bill Who Will Pay?

(From The Tax Liberator.)
A certain amount of money is necessary to run the state, county, district and city governments of Oregon. This money is raised by taxation. A tax is a compulsory contribution to the government. Everyone enjoys the protection and benefits of our government. Everyone has a hand in electing our government officials. Everyone has a voice in saying how the government shall be run, and how the tax money shall be expended, but all people do not pay the same amount toward maintaining the government.

In computing the amount of taxes which each of us must pay, each person is required to pay in accordance with his accumulated wealth. It matters not what form this wealth is in. It matters not whether it is in houses, lands, stocks, bonds, automobiles, chickens, pigs or horses. Our taxes are fixed by the amount of our wealth, as represented by our possessions. There are many abuses in our present taxing system, but this feature of it is fair to all.

REV. FAGAN ACCEPTS CALL TO ALBANY

Rev. Howard Fagan, who was pastor of the Christian church of this city last year, has accepted a call to Albany. It is understood that he will enter upon his new duties at once. Mr. Fagan was given a leave of absence from the local church for the summer and would have returned here but for the offer from Albany.

LONG ESTABLISHED FIRM TO RETIRE FROM FIELD

The Burkholder-Woods Co. has an ad. in this issue stating that it is going to quit business. This firm was established some twenty-five years ago and is one of the oldest in the city. Next to Lurch's it is probably the oldest. It has been an important factor in the business life of the city and the members of the firm, particularly Mr. Burkholder, have always taken an important part in the affairs of the city.

MRS. ANN SMALL WAS PIONEER OF THE FIFTIES

Dies at Age of Seventy-five from Heart Trouble After Lingering Illness of Several Months.—Four Sons and a Daughter Survive.

Mrs. Ann Small, a pioneer of the Cottage Grove country, died at London Wednesday after a lingering illness with heart trouble. She was aged 75 years. The funeral was held Friday, interment being made in the cemetery on the old Small place beside her husband. The sermon was preached by J. N. Hogue.

Miss Martha Ann Cooley was born in Virginia. In 1853 she moved to Cottage Grove with her mother, Christina Cooley, and other members of the family. Four sons and one daughter survive. They are John, Henry, Alex, Robert and Nancy, all residents of London. Alex and John Cooley were brothers.

Currin and James Cooley, of Brownsville, nephews of Mrs. Small, were here to attend the funeral.

Woman of 74 Makes Fishing Record.

Mrs. Helen Silsby, who returned from Newport Saturday with her daughter, Miss Esther, holds the female fishing honors at the resort for this season. She landed a 7½-pound redsnapper. Mrs. Silsby is 74 years of age.

Conner Treats to Peaches and Past Sins Are Forgiven Him

There might possibly be some question between W. C. Conner and The Sentinel as to the former's ability as a newspaper man, but as to his ability as a grower of fancy flavored Charlotte peaches there can be no question. While on his way yesterday to put a few beauties in cold storage for the grange fair, Mr. Conner could not resist the temptation of letting The Sentinel take a peep at a few of the best. The Sentinel force was also treated to a taste and all the mean things Mr. Conner has ever said about any member of the gang are hereby forgiven and forgotten—for the time being at least.

Mr. Conner's orchard is more favorably situated than those of other growers. It nestles in a cozy river bottom where frosts do not molest it and he has peaches many years when the trees of others are barren.

Watering Trough on London Road.

An improvement that is appreciated by those who use the London road is a watering trough put in at the mountain spring three miles this side of London. It is understood to be the work of C. H. Winecoff.

Cub Killed, Mother Wounded.

A cub bear was killed near the Donahue & Dubois lumber camp Sunday by Lee McCabe and Gus Donnelly. The mother and another cub were wounded but escaped. The men have been searching for them since but have failed to locate them.

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EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS BOLDON STORE

Loss to Stock of Merchandise Estimated at Between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Partly Covered by Insurance.—Loss to Building Probably \$5,000.

Cause of Fire Is Probably Combustion

C. W. Parker, Who Carried No Insurance, Owes Escape from Damage to Fact That He Slept in Building.—Removes Automobiles in Night Clothes.

Fire which broke out shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning almost completely destroyed the Rees-Wallace Co. stock of general merchandise owned by J. H. Boldon. The Spray building, in which the stock was contained, also suffered considerable damage. Parker's Garage, located in the same building, would have suffered severely but for the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Parker sleep in the building. Clad in his night-clothes Mr. Parker removed all his machines from the building, together with considerable other material and supplies. Two hundred dollars will probably cover his loss. He carried no insurance. J. H. Boldon estimates his loss at \$20,000 to \$25,000, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Spray estimates his loss to the building at \$5,000, fully covered.

People in buildings close to the one in which the fire occurred removed their goods to the streets and suffered some damage in this manner. The flames, however, were easily confined to the one building, which has brick walls. The cause of the fire is unknown but was probably spontaneous combustion. Flames were discovered in the rear of the store shortly after 1 o'clock by Archie Thompson. A passerby sometime before that said he thought he saw a flicker in the store when passing but thought nothing of it at the time, thinking it probably an electric light.

Firemen were on the scene soon after the alarm was sounded and the chemical engine was soon playing a stream that seemed to quench the flames, but when a draught was given by the opening of all doors to remove the stock the flames burst forth with vigor and the rear of the building was completely gutted before they were gotten under control.

A part of the roof fell in and the entire roof is practically a complete loss. Fire Chief Woodruff's plumbing shop is but a few doors from the Spray building and many of the spectators were determined to remove the stock to a place of safety. Mr. Woodruff was kept busy between directing the fire fighters and watching his store to see that its contents were not dumped out into the street. Occupants of other buildings were not as certain as Mr. Woodruff that the flames would be confined to the Spray building and suffered considerable damage in moving their stocks and furniture to the street and back again.

The invoices of the Boldon stock were kept in the store and were destroyed by the flames, so that the exact loss will probably never be known. Mr. Boldon states that it is his intention to open up again at once with a new stock.

Supervisor Tullar and a crew of men have commenced work laying a mile of gravel on the Sixth Street London road. The new improvement commences at the end of the macadam laid last year. The gravel will be put down a width of twelve feet. The dangerous turn at the Mary White corner is to be eliminated and the road is to be widened at the bridge.

MILE OF GRAVEL IS BEING LAID ON COAST FORK

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Falls from Ladder, Cracks Bone.

While he was picking peaches in his orchard several days ago, the ladder slipped from under Warren McFarland, throwing him to the ground. He struck heavily with his left arm under him, cracking the bones in the forearm. He continued at work for several days before realizing that the injury was serious.

There was a man who was wondrous wise; he jumped into a bramble bush and scratched out both his eyes. Then he put a want ad. in The Sentinel and got them back again.