

FORESTS WILL BE PROTECTED

TELEPHONE CONNECTION EXTENDED TO FORESTS

During 1908 More Than 2500 Miles of Telephone Line Was Strung Through National Forest Reserves and Over 1300 Miles The Present Year.

Portland, April—The benefits of telephone communication on the National Forests have been brought forcefully to the attention of the Forest Service on account of the large number of forest fires during the last year. The need of phones has not been underestimated in the past and many miles of telephone line have been constructed in the National Forests. The headquarters of many of the Forest officers are in isolated parts of the country, and in some cases it takes three weeks for an answer to be received to a letter, although the distance may not exceed 60 or 70 miles.

In case of fire it is imperative that help should be secured to aid in fighting it. It was necessary in order to remedy this situation and to facilitate the administration of the Forests that the construction of telephone lines was begun several years ago. The line most commonly used is a grounded circuit of No. 12 B. B. galvanized iron wire. In some cases swinging insulators are used attached to trees, but in a majority of cases where the line does not run through a heavily timbered country a pole line is constructed.

In one instant alone during the past year a telephone line has been constructed through the Forest undoubtedly saved many thousands of feet of valuable timber. In this case a Forest officer was enabled by means of a portable phone, which he carried with him, to summon help from a point 43 miles distant, and by doing so a fire which would have proved very disastrous, was checked and finally controlled.

The need of telephone lines in order to afford prompt means of communication is more urgent in those countries which are subject to forest fires. The origin of such fires is always an interesting problem, and from information which has been obtained are due to many and varied causes. Hunters and campers cause a large portion of such fires, railroads in the country traversed by them, the largest proportion, and lightning, clearing land, and incendiaries the remainder. It is estimated that the aggregate loss from forest fires in all parts of the country during the conflagrations of last year amounted to \$50,000,000. When all of the losses are taken into consideration the gravity of the situation assumes alarming proportions, and places grave responsibilities upon those who have anything to do with solving of locating and fighting fires.

During the last fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, over 2,500 miles of telephone line was constructed on all the National Forests in the West, and since that time the construction of 1,387 miles of additional line has been authorized. The majority of these have been completed and are in operation, the balance will be completed before June 30, 1909.

These telephone lines are only constructed in those parts of the country where the field is not covered by com-

mercial companies, and where the business which would be obtained will not justify the construction of a commercial line for years to come.

Much work has been done in the states of Oregon and Washington, but there is a vast amount to be done which will be taken up rapidly as the funds for such work will permit.

The following list of telephone lines in Oregon which have been constructed in Oregon by the Forest Service.

Cascade National Forest: from Low oil to J. W. Hill ranch via Hazel Dell, 20 1/2 miles metallic circuit.

Crater National Forest: From Ashland to Ashland Butte, Ranger Station, 15 miles along Ashland Creek, grounded circuit. In addition there are about 15 miles of other lines in this Forest.

Deschutes National Forest: From Sugar Creek Ranger Station to a connection with a private line near Howard, Oregon, 27 miles grounded circuit.

Oregon National Forest: From Portland, Oregon, connecting with the city of Portland Water Works' line, 7 miles metallic circuit from Dufur to Wards' mill, thence to a Ranger Station, 15 miles grounded circuit. From Sisters, Oregon to Allingham, 18 miles grounded circuit.

LAST OF POSTAL FRAUDS

Nearly All Remaining Indictments Are Dropped.

Washington, April 20.—United States District Attorney Baker has abandoned six cases growing out of the sweeping postoffice department investigation of 1902. Among the cases dismissed because of lack of evidence are the indictments against August W. Machen, who was general superintendent of the free delivery service; Thomas W. McGregor, who was one of his assistants; Maurice Runkle, charged with conspiracy in connection with the contracts for mail bags, and indictments of Machen, George H. Huntington and Isaac M. McKiehan, involving contracts for package boxes.

The indictments charging bribery of government officials which were returned against McKiehan, Huntington, John T. Kupper and William C. Long also were nolle.

Hailstones Are Heavy.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 19.—A terrific hail and windstorm struck Des Moines and Central Iowa Sunday. Plate glass windows in downtown stores were blown in and cellars were flooded. At Stuart, hailstones weighing half a pound fell, doing much damage to peach buds.

Mrs. Longworth Nervous.

Washington, April 21.—Mrs. Alice Longworth is reported to be suffering from nervous prostration. Although she goes out as a part of the remedy toward restoration, she has not been in company recently and does not receive guests. Her condition is, however, not regarded as serious.

Honor "Baseball's Father."

New York, April 20.—In the presence of baseball men of high and low degree and others interested in the national game the monument to the late Henry Chadwick, the "father of baseball," was unveiled today in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

Judgeship for Seattle Man.

Seattle, April 21.—The President has formally tendered E. C. Hughes, of this city, the appointment as additional federal judge for the western district of Washington.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, gentle, easy, pleasant, little liver pills.

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GOOD FARMLANDS AND RESIDENCES

33 acres 1 1/2 miles from Albany, 27 acres in apples, best varieties, also young orchard. Splendid improvements. Rolling land. Price \$9000. Terms: \$2000 down, balance at 6 per cent interest.

102 acres, mile from Independence, well fenced and with best of improvements. All but 15 acres in cultivation. Good buildings and outbuildings. One of the good places near the town. \$100 an acre.

102 acres 1 mile from Buena Vista. Orchard of 100 trees of best varieties. 45 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. Price \$3800.

324 acres 4 miles from Monmouth, 1 1/2 from railroad; 160 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. A good buy. Price \$8000.

40 acres 3 miles from Independence. All in cultivation and in crop. A home for a poor man. Price \$1900.

277 acres 10 miles from Independence 150 acres in cultivation. This is another of the good buys. Will sell at \$32.50 an acre.

32 1/2 acres bottom land near Independence. Best land there is and for sale at \$3600.

28 acres joining city limits and a snap for some poor man. All in cultivation. \$3000.

160 acres 3 miles from Lincoln in Polk county. A good piece of land at \$33.50 an acre.

600 acres 4 miles from Dallas; 50 of it in cultivation. The best deal in Polk county. Will sell now for \$20 an acre.

235 acres, almost all in cultivation at \$40 an acre.

44 acres mostly in cultivation. 6 1/2 miles from Independence. \$3200 or will sell 1/2 with buildings for \$1650.

75 acres, 50 in cultivation; 10 in timber; young orchard. A good buy at \$40 an acre.

50 acres, 40 in cultivation, good house and barn. 7 miles from Albany. A good buy. \$80 an acre.

82 acres, 20 in cultivation. 5 acres of best varieties apples in bearing. Very rich land. \$75 an acre.

8 acres, 3 miles from Independence, all in cultivation, fenced. Some fruit trees. Slightly rolling. Fine fruit tract. Price \$50 an acre.

20 acres, about 4 miles from Independence; \$600 barn and well; fenced with woven wire; rich sandy loam soil 18 feet deep; ten acres in walnuts and peaches 3 years old; worth \$250 an acre. Price \$125 an acre.

47 acre; about 20 acres in cultivation. House, barn and family orchard; 16 acres hops and hop house. Five miles from Independence. Bargain Good crop will pay for place. Price \$2650. Terms.

10 acres, all in cultivation; 7-room house almost new; frame barn, wood house, wash house, chicken brooder and incubator; young orchard; 3/4 acre in strawberries and raspberries. An ideal home. 3 1/2 miles from town. Farm implements and stock with place at \$2650.

20 acres, 3 1/2 miles from town; nearly all in cultivation; soil very rich. Five-room house, barn and family orchard; 2 1/2 acres timber. Price \$2500. Terms.

38 acres, 15 in cultivation, balance in timber and pasture; rich garden land; young orchard in bearing, grapes and small fruit; house, barn and other outbuildings; on county road and rural route; between Albany and Independence. Price \$80 an acre.

170 odd acres bottom land for sale at \$10,500. Investigate this.

344 acres 4 miles from Monmouth. Good timber on this place, and good farming land. Better look this up. \$25 an acre.

CITY PROPERTY

If you are looking for anything in the line of residences or farms you can find something to suit you in the list. Ask to see property not included in this list.

Good house and barn and 2 acres to sell at \$250.

An acre on Monmouth street and 7-room house with other buildings. Orchard and large and small fruits. A good buy for \$1000.

Two story residence, in North Independence, telephone and electric lights, all in good condition, 1 lot with place. A snap. Price \$500.

8-room house, with closets, 14x20 barn, chicken house, carriage house work shop, wood house, fruit trees and small fruits. Improvements are worth as much as is asked for place. About a half acre. Price \$1000

Tract 90x200 feet in Independence, house 14x22, chicken corral, hen house, wood shed; fenced; 400 strawberries, some raspberries, loganberries, gooseberries, pie plant, etc. A good buy. Price \$450.

9-room house and 2 1/2 lots, large barn to sell at \$3500. Best house in Independence.

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UTAH'S UNIQUE BUILDING

Will Represent Ancient Indian Style of Architecture.

Seattle, April 20.—The contract for the erection of the \$30,000 Utah state building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has been let and work on the structure is to begin at once. Governor Spry, who has been in Seattle for several days, has returned home.

The Utah building will be unlike any other on the grounds. It will represent a style of architecture that was used by the Hopi Indians in Southern Utah, who flourished contemporaneously with the cliff dwellers. The exterior of the building will be plastered in imitation of adobe. Quaint old carts and implements of the Pueblo Indians will be placed on the grounds, and the whole will be in striking contrast with the classic and renaissance types to be seen elsewhere at the exposition.

WILL EMPLOY 13 LAWYERS

Beach Hargis Will Spend \$40,000 for His Defense.

Jackson, Ky., April 19.—When the second trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, was called at Irvine, Ky., today, one of the 13 attorneys for the defense will be a woman—Mrs. William A. Young. Her husband, who was one of the attorneys who recently secured the acquittal of Edwin Gardner in San Francisco for the murder of a negro, will also act for the defense. This will be the first time a woman attorney has appeared in an important case in Kentucky.

Hargis has at his command \$40,000 for his defense. This includes all of his mother's part of the estate left by the parent whom he killed.

Alaska Miners Starving.

Nome, Alaska, April 20.—News from the Kuskowim, derived from late arrivals at Kaltag and the Russian mission, is that there is much suffering in that country from lack of provisions. Beans and flour now constitute the bulk of all available supplies for food and these are held at high prices. Relief expeditions are being formed to relieve the prospectors.

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