

WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, AUGUST 14 1906.

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FIRES ON SANTIAM

Large Area of Valuable Timber is Being Destroyed by the Raging Flames

A Fierce Fire at One Time Surrounded Detroit and the People There Suffered From Great Heat

Albany, Ore., Aug.—When all hope had about been abandoned, word was received here today that the town of Detroit had escaped destruction from the immense forest fire which is sweeping up the canyon of the North Santiam. The fire is raging in the dense, standing timber back in the mountains and great loss is ensuing. The latest reports are that the fire is eating its way through one of the finest belts of timber in the Cascade Mountains. It extends for a mile and a half either side of the North Santiam River and has also burned up the Breitenbush Canyon.

Detroit, the largest town in the Santiam Canyon, escaped because of the cleared country surrounding it. The fire burned over the heavy timber on all sides of the town.

The conditions at Detroit during the time the fire was passing were something terrible. With miles of forest burning on every side and within a short distance of the town, the heat was all but unbearable and the smoke almost suffocating.

If reports brought down by Mill City people may be relied upon, only the rain which seems to be approaching can prevent destruction of miles of valuable timber.

The fire is now known to be the most destructive that has visited the North Santiam country since pioneer days. Numerous mountain homes and a great amount of valuable timber have been destroyed. The two mills at Detroit are thought to be near enough the timber to make it impossible to save them. Railroad track has been rendered impassable, and logging camps wiped out.

Fruit is Abundant

Salem, Or., Aug. 11.—There will be a great abundance of apples and pears in this vicinity. Lloyd T. Reynolds, who lives near Chemawa and who is one of the most prominent pear growers in the valley, will begin picking his Bartlett crop next Wednesday, which he has contracted at a handsome price which he is not willing to divulge. The pears have to be of a certain size and well packed, ready for shipment. Other growers in this neighborhood have also begun picking.

TARGET FOR PISTOL PRACTICE

Ross Nelson Has Narrow Escape From Whizzing Bullets Fired at Him From a Long Range

Ross Nelson thinks it's bad enough to be tossed around by a savage young Jersey bull, but to stand up and be made the target for pistol practice is still more dangerous, even though the man behind the gun proves a poor marksman. Saturday evening just before dusk, while standing in the yard at the Nelson home just north of town, a man came up the road and when within a few hundred feet of Ross, pulled a pistol and took two shots at him, neither of which took effect, though one struck the house and the other struck in the yard. Ross didn't lose any time in getting to a place of safety, which meant the inside of the house.

Nelson cannot say positively who the party was, but he thought he recognized him at the time, and further investigation proved that the same party had been seen just before the shooting going in the direction of the Nelson home and was seen just afterwards in the edge of town coming from that direction. In addition the same party is known to have purchased a pistol and some shells from a local hardware store a few days previous. It looks like a deliberate attempt to commit murder. Such men are not safe in any community and should be confined either in jail or in an asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Staats, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams and Mrs. Chas. Belt passed through from Dallas Friday on their way to Newport.

The Town Without a Marshal Two Days

Because of the resignation of Avery Murphy, Independence was without a city marshal several days last week. R. J. Taylor and Andy Tupper were applicants for the position and circulated petitions asking the Mayor for the appointment. There was no particular objection from any source to either of the gentlemen, and Mayor Paddock hesitated about making the appointment without consultation with the city council. Two attempts to get that body together failed, with the result that the Mayor late Saturday evening appointed Mr. Taylor, with the understanding that it would hold only until the next meeting of the council which will occur on the 20th.

Much Excitement Over Rich Gold Discovery

Ashland, Or., Aug. 11.—The town of Lakeview is deserted, every able bodied man and boy in the place having started for the Coyote Range, about 40 miles northeast of that place, to stake out claims in the new Eldorado uncovered there by Loftus brothers, prospectors, who have been working in that district since last May. This information was conveyed in telephonic dispatches received here from Lakeview this evening.

Fabulous in richness is the strike in the Coyotes, it is reported. A vein, running from 60 to 100 feet in width, of gold-bearing quartz which runs from \$40 to \$100 a ton and is constantly growing richer as the miners progress, has been traced for a distance of five miles.

When the news reached Lakeview a couple of days ago every man and boy in the place who was able to handle a pick started for the scene of the strike. Trades and professions were deserted, the people, one after another, being seized with the gold fever and dropping their occupations, rushed away in a mad search for rapidly-gained wealth. Every rig and horse in the vicinity of Lakeview has been pressed into service by the prospectors hurrying to stake out claims in the rich district.

The monster vein uncovered by the discoverers of the Coyote Range mines is free milling ore and is of such a decomposed nature that it is worked with the utmost ease. Plans are already being made for the transportation of machinery into the district, and within a short time a new town will be established by the miners, near the site of the proposed mill. The gold is found near the Nevada line and the ore is said to be of the same formation as that found in the adjoining state.

TWO TOWNS WET

Freewater and Coquille City Vote for New Charters In Effort to Get Saloons

Matter Will be Means of Taking the Question to the Supreme Court For a Decision

Another of the towns in Oregon that voted dry at the late election has voted a wet charter under the constitutional amendment, Freewater yesterday taking its place alongside Coquille. Freewater and Coquille are the only two places that have by the medium of special elections voted for saloons but there are several others which are seriously considering the advisability of following suit.

Unless some legal action is taken by the temperance workers to prevent the exemption of dry towns from the local-option law under the provisions of the constitutional amendment, which permits cities to enact their own charters, special elections may soon become the order of the day all through the dry belts. Some other cities are holding off until the issue has been settled in the courts. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, has announced that a test case would be made. Anti-Saloon Leaguers, Prohibitionists and temperance workers in general declare that the cities have no right to adopt charters that conflict with the criminal code of the state. They contend that the local-option law is part of the criminal law, as it provides penalties for its violation. But the other side is just as emphatic in its contentions that the local-option law is not part of the criminal code and upon this point hinges the question whether dry towns can be voted wet.

There is much significance attached to the Coquille and Freewater elections, as they show that unless the local-option law is a part of the criminal law, much of the effects of the last election will be undone. Many of the cities which are now dry voted wet, but being linked with other districts could not overcome the heavy prohibition vote. They were voted dry against their will. Among the Oregon towns that may hold special elections to adopt new charters so that the sale of liquor may be licensed are: Enterprise, Lostine, Joseph, Wallowa county; Wasco, Sherman county, and Eugene, Albany and McMinnville.

MANY MILLS TO CLOSE DOWN

Lack of Cars for Shipment of Lumber Will Result in Temporary Suspension of Great Industry

Unless relief is obtained in the present car shortage all the mills on the Southern Pacific system in the state of Oregon will have to close down, according to A. C. Dixon, manager of the sales department of the Booth-Kelley Lumber company.

"Our company was short between 450 and 500 cars in July" said Mr. Dixon, "and we will be short about the same number in August. Unless we secure relief in a very short time our mills will have to be closed."

"All the smaller mills in interior Oregon have given notice that they will close by the end of the month unless more cars are furnished

them. This is equal to a declaration that they will close down for there are no cars to be obtained. I am in Portland for the purpose of securing cars for my company, but I have been convinced since I have been here that the railroad has none to furnish.

"This is the time of the year for the regular car shortage but we have been able to pull through the season without closing down in former years. The San Francisco embargo, however, has settled things for the mill men and the railroad too, this year, for there are still 3,700 cars tied up in the Bay City, according to Mr. Kruttschnitt, superintendent of maintenance and operation for the Harriman system. This number forms a goodly per cent of the line's entire equipment and as there is no chance to expect a movement, we are looking for an early shut down."

Very Fine Fruit the Result of Spraying

Peter Kurre, who lives a mile west of town, brought this office several apples yesterday of the Red Astrican and Gravenstein varieties, which would certainly be prize winners if placed in a contest. He will have about one hundred bushels of the Gravensteins, for which he expects to get a fancy price. The fruit shows the beneficial effects of spraying, and a number of people who have examined these apples say that fruit raisers in this vicinity can raise and put on the market at good prices apples as good as these when they realize the importance and absolute necessity for careful spraying.

Portland Hop-Pickers Preparing to Come

Speaking of the coming exodus from Portland to the hop fields the Journal says:

Large numbers of east side families are making arrangements to take their annual vacations in the hop yards of the Willamette valley. It is estimated that Portland will furnish about 8,000 pickers this season, and of that number the east side will furnish at least 6,000. Agents of the larger yards, in the vicinity of Brooks, Independence and Salem, are making a house-to-house canvas in portions of the east side, explaining the advantages offered, at their respective yards, in the way of camping grounds, amusements, etc. Hundreds of east-siders enjoy no other vacation than the annual invasion of the Oregon hop yards, which will begin this year about August 25th, and last for nearly three weeks.

Many an east side youngster will make enough money picking hops to buy his winter clothing, and not a few will be able also to provide themselves with school books for the coming year. The Southern Pacific railroad will carry practically all of the pickers to the fields. A few families make the trip by private conveyance, camping over night, thus prolonging the outing.

Two Able Liars

Two amateur hunters in the northern woods once saw a deer, and both fired at once. "That is my deer," said A. "I shot it." "No, you did not," hotly replied B. "It is my deer, because I killed it." A third party was approaching from the opposite direction with fury in his eye and a club in his hand. "Which of you two rascals shot my calf?" roared the farmer. "That fellow B. just now told me he did it," said A. And B., now thoroughly alarmed for his personal safety, answered: "He lies. He shot it himself. I saw him do it, and I'll swear to it."—Tales-pool Mercury.