

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

The senate has voted for campaign publicity and a limit on election expenses.

A rival of Lumberman Hines says the latter boasted that he personally elected Senator Lorimer.

Canada is threatened with a coal famine, owing to the strike of miners at the Crow's Nest collieries.

Louisiana sugar planters declare the free importation of sugar would mean the death of that industry in the South.

Every boy and girl in Portland under 10 years of age will be given a free auto ride by the Portland auto club on July 26.

It is asserted that the alleged Controller Bay coil scandal in Alaska is purely a conception of two or three professional muckrakers.

Tacoma city officers have neglected to collect about \$35,000 in city liquor licenses, besides \$3 each from the 82 drug stores who deal in ice cream, etc.

Portland citizens are prohibited from using city water for irrigation except for three hours each morning, owing to a shortage in the supply.

For the week beginning Aug. 15, New York women will abstain from garden parties, fancy cooling drinks, roof parties, etc., and turn over all the money saved to the suffragettes of California.

It is said the Hamburg-American Steamship company is negotiating for the purchase of a large tract of land at Portland, including 2,000 feet of water frontage, for the purpose of establishing a great trans-Pacific steamer service.

Wholesale lumber dealers are to be investigated by the government.

Forest fires in Northern Ontario are reported under control, with at least 400 dead.

Railroads are placing big orders for cars and locomotives.

A Salem, Ore., minister has married members of three generations of the same family.

A potato price war occurred at Spokane, and the tubers retailed at 30 pounds for 25 cents.

A San Francisco policeman died from the effects of being struck on the head by a baseball.

Governor Deneen, of Illinois, emphatically denies that he helped Lorimer's election to the senate.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 94¢95¢; club, 81¢; Russian, 80¢; valley, 81¢; 40 fold, 81¢.

Milffluffs—Bran, \$24.50¢27 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50¢26; rolled barley, \$29¢30.

Barley—Choice feed, \$25.50¢26 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26¢27 per ton. Hay—Timothy, new, \$16¢19; old, \$18¢21; alfalfa, new, \$12.50; clover, new, \$8.50¢9; grain hay, new, \$11.

Fresh fruits—Cherries, \$3¢9¢ per pound; apricots, \$1.25¢1.50 per crate; cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; peaches, \$5¢¢1.25 per crate; watermelons, 2¢¢2.1¢ per pound; plums, \$1.50 per crate; raspberries, \$1¢1.65 per crate; loganberries, \$1¢1.35 per crate; blackcaps, \$1.50¢1.65; plums, \$1.50¢1.75 per box; prunes, \$1.50¢1.75 per box; blackberries, \$1.50¢1.65; currants, 10¢ per pound; gooseberries, 7¢; new apples, \$1.75¢2 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75¢85¢ per dozen; beans, 50¢10¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢¢2.25 per hundred-weight; corn, 40¢50¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1¢1.25 per box; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; garlic, 10¢12¢ per pound; lettuce, 30¢35¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25¢1.75 per box; peas, 40¢50¢ per pound; peppers, 12¢15¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2¢¢3¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75¢2 per box; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 21¢24¢ per pound; new California, 21¢3¢.

Onions—Red, \$1.75; white, \$2 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢15¢; springs, 18¢20¢; ducks, young, 14¢15¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 24¢25¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 26¢ per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy 90¢10¢ per pound.

Cattle—Prime hay-fed steers, \$60¢62.50; choice, \$5.75¢6; fair to good, \$5.25¢5.50; common, \$5.00¢5.25; prime cows, \$5.25¢5.50; good to choice, \$4.75¢5; fair, \$4.50¢4.75; choice heifers, \$5.50¢5.50; choice bulls, \$4.25¢4.75; choice light calves, \$7.50¢7.50; good, \$6.75¢7; choice heavy calves \$6.50¢6.50; choice stags, \$5.50¢5.50; good, \$4.75¢5.

Hogs—Choice, \$7.75¢7.75; good, \$6.75¢7; choice to heavy, \$6.35¢6.50; common, \$6.00¢6; stock hogs, \$6.75¢7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$5.50¢6; yearlings, \$3.75¢4; good, \$3.75¢3.75; fair, \$3.50¢3.50; choice ewes, \$2.75¢3; good, \$2.50¢2.75; fair, \$2.25¢2.50; good old choice heavy wethers, \$3.50¢3.75; old heavy wethers, \$3.50¢3.50; mixed lots, \$4.65.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25¢ per pound; 1910 crop, 15¢; 1909 crop, 15¢19¢; old, \$6.10¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 90¢16¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley 15¢17¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 36¢37¢ per pound.

FRANCE CEMENTS TIES.

Compliments Exchanged at Fetes of St. Die.

St. Die, France, July 18.—The Franco-American fetes in honor of the naming of America continued today. The United States Ambassador, Robert Bacon, and M. LeBrun, the French minister of colonies, after an automobile trip through the picturesque outskirts of the town, proceeded to the city hall, where the municipality gave a banquet in honor of the distinguished guests.

Mr. LeBrun proposed the health of the American ambassador. He spoke in English, saying the French government was glad to take part in the fetes because it afforded France an opportunity of responding to the expressions of sympathy for France in America, which were especially numerous this year, and of deducting from this sentiment a certain guarantee that no material difficulty could affect the bonds of confidence and friendship which united the two countries.

Ambassador Bacon said in reply that his presence at the fetes as a representative of his government proved that the United States had forgotten neither her baptism nor the sword which France threw into the scale for her independence. The celebration closed with an aviation exhibition at the aerodrome. Twenty thousand persons saw brilliant flights by Fommer and Nieupert.

HUNT LOST BONANZA.

8,500 Acres Will Be Searched Carefully With Pick and Shovel.

Reno, Nev.—With the filing, Saturday, of papers granting a 10-year lease from the Sierra Nevada Wood & Lumber company to Colonel W. S. Prosky and associates, covering 8,500 acres, partly in Washoe county, is promised the second chapter in the famous tradition of the hidden bonanza that for years has been the vain hope of countless prospectors. With the prosecution of a thorough search over the entire estate during the next ten years is linked the extreme probability that a mine will be found again that has in the past promised wonderful native gold and gold-free gold in ore worth \$100,000 to the ton.

The mine to be sought is the old Barclay mine that for fifty years has been talk of miners in the West. The estate is a part of the Hobart estate and the lease is the final triumph of men who were successful with the Hobart estate managers. Mining magnates, senators and financiers, after years of effort, gave up before the blunt refusal of the land owners.

Sufficient financial backing is apparent and already five experienced prospectors are laying out the tract in sections, each of which will be gone over, literally with the point of a pick, before the ten years of searching are up, unless the discovery is made before then.

One man knows the location of the mine and he won't tell. It is possible that the same man who in the face of a history of defeat secured the first lease from the Hobart estate, may be able to secure from him the map he has jealously guarded for 40 years.

FRUIT SUPPLIES SHORT.

California Shipments Show Deficiency of 1160 Cars.

Sacramento, Cal.—Manager McKevitt, of the California Fruit Distributors, says that shipments of fruit from this state so far this season have been disappointingly small. On July 14, 1910, the total shipments amounted to 2,460 cars. On the same day this year the total had reached only 1198. Allowing for 100 more cars owing to the increase of the minimum weight per car from 24,000 to 25,000 pounds, would give a total of 1,300 cars compared with 2,460 last year, or little more than half.

Owing to this considerable shortage there has not been enough fruit to go around, practically every market requesting supplies which were impossible to furnish. After this week an increase in shipments should begin to cut down this great difference.

Lorimer Legislator Dies.

St. Louis, July 18.—Joseph Clark, of Vanilla, Ill., ex-representative of the Illinois legislature from Fayette county, died here today in the Rebeccah hospital, following an operation Friday for cancer. Mr. Clark was a Democrat. As a member of the legislature he cast his vote for William Lorimer for United States senator. It was said that when he was removed to the hospital he had been expecting a summons to testify before the senate committee in Washington investigating Lorimer's election.

Aeronaut Drops in Sea.

Asbury Park, N. J.—N. J. Roberts, an aeronaut who started in a dirigible balloon to go from New York to Philadelphia, was found unconscious near Deal, N. J. When revived he said that in the night he was forced to pull the rip cord of his gas bag when his gasoline gave out and he found he was being carried out to sea. He dropped into the ocean half a mile from shore and by the aid of a plank swam and floated ashore. Roberts had made a landing 15 miles from New York and lost control in a squall.

Spendthrift Found Dead.

Redding, Cal.—The body of Jack Conant, a prospector, whose life tragedy is known in nearly every mining camp and town in the West, was found on Salt creek, near Shasta. Conant more than 20 years ago located the Uncle Sam gold mine in Shasta county and sold it for \$360,000. He spent this amount at the rate of \$120,000 a year, and ever since had wandered about, poverty-stricken. Death occurred at least three weeks ago.

3,500 Pesos Avert Raid.

Juarez, Mex.—A raid on the customs house by former insurgents to get money for the maintenance of the military hospital was averted by the receipt of 3,500 pesos telegraphed from Mexico City. Judge Felipe Seijas, if this city has announced his candidacy for governor of Chihuahua against the present incumbent, Abraham Gonzales.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

FARMERS GO IN AUTOS.

Annual Convention of Union County is Held in Elgin.

Elgin—The annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Union county, was held here Saturday. Many of them coming in autos, the farmers banded to assemble as early as 8 o'clock, and by 11 the streets were filled with cars driven in by members of other local unions at Summerville, La Grande, Cove and Union.

A long table of 63 plates was spread in Eagle hall, covered with dainties prepared by the farmers' wives. This table was served four times before all had eaten. At 2 o'clock the convention programme began.

Among the principal speakers were John Couch, of Wallawa; Mr. McMillan, of Alicel, and Mr. Moore, of North Powder. Following the addresses there was a discussion of matters of general interest to the union, the principal feature of which was the adoption of a resolution to compel the Home Independent Telephone company to allow the farmers better rates. The farmers propose to furnish their own phone and pay the company \$10 a year for them, and demand 10 free calls monthly through any two central within the boundaries of Union county, with the privilege of more at the usual rate, the company to keep phone and line in order.

If the company does not accept these terms, members of the union throughout Union county will cut their phones on August 1, organize a stock company and install a telephone system of their own throughout the Grand Ronde valley.

This was the largest convention of the Farmers' Union ever held in this part of the state.

NEW STRAWBERRY FIELD.

Weston Mountain, Umatilla County, Sends Fine Shipment.

Portland—A crate of strawberries from Umatilla county has been received and placed on exhibition by the Portland Commercial club. The berries were sent by the Weston Commercial club and were grown in the Weston mountain district just east of Weston.

"Our country is destined to be one of the greatest strawberry sections in the world," said ex-Senator P. W. Proebstel, a hardware and implement dealer of Weston. "The raising of fruit is a new industry but already it is making a wonderful showing. One man sold over \$400 worth of berries from a half acre last year, besides using all he wanted. The country is also a fine apple district. Weston's fruit commands high prices on account of its shipping qualities and excellent flavor. Land is held at \$60 to \$70 an acre at present, as the raising of fruit is in its infancy and the people do not realize its real value. The people of that country are all prosperous."

Engineers have reported that 10,000 acres of the land can be irrigated at a cost of \$65 an acre and plans are being made for the conservation dam on Pine creek to be 150 feet high. Local capital will finance the project.

PEAK SENDS OUT SMOKE.

Mountain West of Bend is at It Again After Long Inactivity.

Bend—Coming on the heels of the recent seismic disturbances in California, the discovery of smoke in the mountain west of Bend, in the Cascade range, some 30 miles west of Bend, has created no little speculation regarding the possible connection. Not for several years has Broken Top been seen to smoke. So active is it now, however, that prospectors returning from trips about its base report that a column of steam rises often for many hours at a time from its long-cold crater. It is a well known geological fact that this locality is reckoned the scene of the most recent volcanic disturbances in the northwest.

Round-Up Sign 300 Feet Long.

Pendleton—The Round-up sign, which adorns the back of the new grandstand, Pendleton, is now the largest painted sign on the Pacific coast, according to the firm whose artists have just completed the job. The sign is 300 feet long and 20 feet high, thus spreading it over 6,000 square feet. The new grandstand, which the Wild West association has constructed, is one of the largest in the northwest. Besides the grandstand, bleachers, which will seat 6,000 additional spectators, have been built.

Lumber Industry Brisk.

Marshallfield—The C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company is turning out a large amount of lumber and in one day shipped from Coos Bay a total of 3,000,000 feet. This is the most lumber that ever before left this port in a single day. It was all bound for California and was carried on the Nann Smith, the San Pedro and the Newberg. Some record shipments have also been lately from Brandon, as the mills are running full force now.

Postal Bank Averages \$100 a Day.

Grants Pass—The postal savings bank at Grants Pass has averaged \$100 a day in deposits since it was opened. At first patrons were slow in coming in, but now deposits are coming in fast.

20 Acres Bought for Specialty.

Grants Pass—E. J. and William Winter of Walla Walla, have bought 20 acres of the Charles Ferdine ranch near the city limits on the upper river road. The purchasers will specialize with grapes and berries on the tract.

Developing Lime Deposits.

Metolius—The lime deposits east of town is being developed by L. G. Savage. Fifteen men are employed in the work.

OREGON CHERRIES IN LEAD.

San Francisco Firm Acquires Entire Display at Salem Fair.

Salem—That Oregon cherries for fancy purposes are the finest in the world is the declaration of Arthur C. Rass, of E. G. Lyons & Rass, San Francisco, the largest maraschino and fruit syrup dealers on the Coast. Rass is here for two weeks securing cherries for the maraschino trade. He expects to take over 50 tons from Salem this year and will take more cherries if he can secure them. Among other acquisitions Rass secured the entire display of the Salem Cherry Fair through the Salem Fruit Union. "If the elements are favorable here, Oregon cherries cannot be equalled in the world," he said. "Eastern houses secure cherries from Italy at rockbottom prices. There the cherries cost 4 cent or 5 of a cent a pound. We can buy those cherries in Italy, ship them to San Francisco, and put them up for 44 cents a pound. That is what we pay originally for Oregon cherries. Oregon cherries in maraschino go 60 to a bottle. The cherries secured in the East go 175 to a bottle in maraschino. There is so much difference in cherries. We can't equal Oregon cherries in California. They can't be grown there, nor anywhere else, to touch the cherries of this state. Given good weather conditions and Oregon leads the world in cherries as well as in many other fruits."

LANE PREPARES FOR FAIR.

County Society Will Erect Booths and Rent Stalls to Concessionaries.

Eugene—Enlargement of the pavilion on the grounds of the Lane County Agricultural society for the better accommodation of the Lane County Fair this fall was authorized at the meeting of the board of directors, and the painting of all the buildings was also directed. This year the board, instead of renting ground for concessions, will erect a number of uniform booths on the grounds, and rent the stalls to the concessionaries.

More attention will be given this year than last to the stock exhibit, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose of interesting every owner of registered stock in Lane county to bring this stock to the county fair.

The different grades of the county have taken the matter up and already are preparing collective exhibits. The county court has signified its intention of repeating its donation of last year to the fair, the money to be used exclusively in premiums.

Difficulty over the location of the district fair for Lane, Douglas and Coos counties arose several years ago, and since the Lane county has been holding a fair of its own, each year somewhat better than the previous one, until now good grounds and track have been secured, and very creditable exhibits made. The fair this year will be held September 20 to 24.

CHERRY YIELD IS HEAVY.

Hood River Valley Crop Being Shipped to All Parts Now.

Hood River—Although the small amount of cherries grown in the Hood River valley was cut short severely in a great portion of the community, the crop is yielding very heavily in some districts, and the Apple Growers' union has made a large number of small shipments. A branch 16 inches in length, cut from a tree in the Maxwell orchards on the West Side, contained 103 large-sized cherries. The branch, which was taken from a Bing tree, weighed a little over two pounds.

Although but few orchardists own a specialty of growing small fruits, such as strawberries, those who do so have met with great success this year. The local market is supplied and the union finds a ready market for the gratifying surplus.

O. A. C. Building to Be Ready.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—By the opening of the college year, September 22, the new mechanic arts building, which will contain the foundry, plumbing and wood working shops, will be completed and the equipment ready for use. These three laboratories will virtually double the capacity of the present shops, and will make it possible for the college to make for itself much of the furniture and equipment necessary for the various buildings.

Cherry Packing is Studied.

Eugene—T. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, an extensive cherry grower, is in Eugene to investigate the manner in which Lane county cherries are prepared for the confectionery trade. He has contracts covering large acreage near The Dalles and this year will have 4,000 cases of the fruit to dispose of as against a usual crop of 40,000 cases. He hopes next year to "process" his cherries, and ship them East in barrels as is done here. The Eugene plant is handling three carloads a day.

Eagle Point Patrons New Bank.

Eagle Point—The First State bank opened its doors in Eagle Point the first of the week and at the close of the first day \$8,000 had been deposited. Eagle Point is a town of 400 people and the First State is the only bank in it. A new two-story brick building, costing \$4,000, was constructed for its occupation and the example caused two similar buildings to go up in a previously "brickless" town.

Coos to Have Fair Exhibit.

Marshallfield—Coos county is to be represented with a fine exhibit at the State Fair at Salem this year. Heretofore Coos has only been represented by individual entries in the dairy products. The chamber of commerce will pay the expenses of a representative from this city to look after the exhibit and will start at once gathering products of all kinds.

FIRST QUERY: "WHO WINS?"

Fans in Far Off Pribiloff Islands Get Wireless Luxury.

San Francisco, July 15.—The United States government employees on the Pribiloff islands are rejoicing today because they have been connected with the outside world by means of the wireless telegraph. And the first news that they asked to be flashed over the waves was: "Get us the standing of the clubs in the big leagues."

This report was quickly followed by another one of the same kind, as they had been without baseball gossip so long they could not get enough of the fodder on which so many thousands of fans feast every day. Not until the operator at Honolulu had exhausted his supply of baseball knowledge did the men on the island of St. Paul permit him to inform them of the important happenings in the political and commercial worlds.

Navy electricians and wireless experts had been sent north by the government on board the United States ship Buffalo to install a wireless station on the island of St. Paul. With the aid of the wireless station the fans on these lonely islands will now be able to keep tab on their favorite club in the race for the pennant.

EIGHTY-BUSHEL WHEAT FOUND

Government Completes Threshing 400 Varieties of Grain.

Chico, Cal.—The threshing of 400 varieties of grain has been completed at the government's big plant in Chico, California. The various producing districts are producing especially heavily are Fries and Chul wheats. H. F. Blanchard is the expert in charge of experiments in this department.

The propagation and budding of deciduous fruits are now being followed. Corn breeding is also under way. The distribution of plants is on. The pistachio nut, which is largely used by confectioners, is being shipped to Newman, Fresno and other plants.

GRAIN BAGS RUN SHORT.

Price of Few on Hand Soars, and Farmers Are Worried.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—With grain bags at 8 cents and hard to get at that price, farmers fear they will have a shortage here this year that may cause damage before it ends.

There are few sacks now in the city and the penitentiary output is contracted for a month in advance. Local dealers yesterday showed the price to 8 cents and the state board of control notified the penitentiary officials soon afterwards that the price at that place should be raised. This makes the fourth raise in price this year, and it is expected that others will follow.

Carnegie Fund Finds Use.

New York, July 15.—The custodian of the \$10,000,000 Carnegie Peace Foundation announced today a campaign of popular education to establish friendly relations between the United States and Japan. The division of intercourse and education has arranged an exchange "to give to each people better knowledge of the other and to help build up a public opinion in both countries that will resist all attempts to arouse antagonism."

Under this plan, Dr. Inazo Nitobi, president of the first high college of Tokyo, and one of Japan's foremost educators, will be brought here early in October to spend about six weeks each at Brown University, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and the Universities of Virginia, Illinois and Minnesota, lecturing on Japanese history and current problems.

The following year "a distinguished American" will be sent to Japan on a similar errand.

Airship Visits White House.

Washington, July 15.—President Taft received his first aerial visitor shortly before 3 o'clock today. The president stood on the rear portico of the White House as Aviator Harry N. Atwood, of Boston, after circling the Washington monument, flew directly into the White House grounds and landed on the grassy lawn, a short distance from the portico. Alighting from the machine, Atwood walked to where the president stood and was presented by him with a gold medal from the Aero Club of Washington.

Forest Fires Still Menace.

Boston, July 15.—The forest fire situation in New England continues serious. In the Moosehead lake region of Maine many thousands of acres of timber have been destroyed by the fires. Some sportsmen's camps are threatened but few people or buildings are in danger. In the neighborhood of York Beach, Me., more than 1,000 acres of timber have been burned over and the fire is advancing in a northerly direction. The fires in the vicinity of Concord, N. H., and Hope, R. I., are under control.

Twain Estate \$471,136.

New York—Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) left actual property worth \$471,136. An appraisal of his estate places this value on securities and real estate bequeathed to his only surviving child, Mrs. Gabriellowitch, when he died, on April 21, 1910. Clemens left no real estate in New York. The value of his personal estate here was \$296,746. This does not include a trunkful of manuscripts, the value of which is not specified in the appraisal.

Luzon Swept by Typhoon.

Manila, July 15.—Northern Luzon has been swept by a typhoon. All the wires are down and the observers believe it is the worst experienced in years. Details, because of the lack of communication, have not been received.

France is in Treaty Mood.

Washington, D. C.—France, it is announced, is virtually ready to sign a general arbitration treaty with the United States, similar to the one with Great Britain.

FOREST FIRES RAGE

Hundreds Perish and Property Loss Reaches Millions.

Roads Strwn With Bodies of Those Overcome by Heat and Smoke—Miners Trapped.

Toronto, July 13.—The loss of life in the Porcupine district, Northern Ontario, from yesterday's forest fires is known to be several hundred, and the property loss will reach several millions of dollars.

Only three of the 83 employees of the West Dome mine have been accounted for, and 200 miners, muckers, etc., in the Dome mine have been suffocated. The mines burned include the Dome, North Dome, Preston East Dome, Viadon, Foley O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, El Dorado Porcupine, Standard, Imperial, West Dome and Success.

Among the dead are Robert E. Weiss, manager of the West Dome, and his wife and child. The Philadelphia mine's loss is about \$50,000; United Porcupine, \$20,000; Eldorado Porcupine, all buildings destroyed; Standard, about \$40,000; Imperial, about \$35,000; Success, probably destroyed; West Dome, about \$75,000.

In four short hours, beginning yesterday noon, the fire swept from the Standard mine to the shores of Porcupine lake, where it destroyed South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Glen City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front.

The greatest havoc was wrought around the main mines, notably the West Dome and Big Dome. There the entrapped miners, cut off from escape, were forced to take to the shafts, and, penned in by flames, perished. This was notably true at Dome and West Dome.

The streets of South Porcupine are strewn with dead persons, horses, dogs and cattle. Along the main roads are the bodies of those overcome while trying to escape.

Along the highway between East Dome and South Porcupine, over a comparatively open section, were found six charred bodies. In the ruins of South Porcupine were found the bodies of William Gohr and his clerk, Captain George Runbar and Tom Geddes.

The miners saw dense clouds of smoke yesterday to the southwest, where the fires were raging. They gave little heed. A small blaze started in good view of the Porcupine townsite, but it passed almost unnoticed because of the recent frequency of bush fires.

It was not until noon that the dense smoke clouds began to roll over the Porcupine district. Then the miners became alarmed and camps took on unusual activities. Messengers were sent out and soon returned with warnings that the fire was traveling through the forests at rapid speed and was licking up many townships.

Shortly after noon the fire had covered an area of 25 miles in length and two miles in width. In half an hour the flames were raging on the spot. Hundreds fled before the flames, but dense clouds of smoke hung low and made progress difficult. Many fell exhausted before the fire as it swept over South Porcupine. The frame buildings burned fiercely.

Two minutes after the flames struck the outskirts the town was in ruins. All who escaped made for the water where all sorts of water craft—launches, canoes and skiffs—were pressed into service.

Women and children were first hurried into small boats and started off for Pottsville and Golden City, where they were temporarily safe from the flames. Many miners lost their lives in efforts to save others.

Each Must Own License.

Hoquiam, Wash.—If an ordinance proposed to the city council here, and to be introduced regularly at the next meeting by Councilman Bridges, should become a law, every person in Hoquiam who takes a drink of spirituous refreshments will have to own a license, which he will present to the bartender before he is served. Mr. Bridges proposes to make it a misdemeanor for a saloonkeeper to sell liquor to anyone, or for anyone to buy it, who does not hold such a license.

Gaynor Orders Ice Probe.

New York—Mayor Gaynor has taken a hand in the ice famine. The mayor directed that policemen be sent out to ascertain whether the Knickerbocker ice company is restricting the amount of ice it brings to the city daily, in order to enhance prices. Prices have risen from 200 to 3