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FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING TO THE WEST

Hundreds of Acres in Flames in Washington County.

BUXTON IN MUCH DANGER

Should Wind Change Town Might Be Wiped Out. Fire on Gales Creek.

Forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Buxton and the Base Line Lumber Company of Gales Creek where several hundred dollars worth of property and timber have been destroyed. N. P. Neelson of Buxton was in this city today and stated to the News that the city of Buxton is in imminent danger of being completely wiped out by the forest fires that have been raging in that vicinity for several hours. If the wind had changed last night, said Mr. Neelson, the town would have gone like prairie grass for everything is as dry as tinder owing to the long dry spell. According to his statement over 300 acres have been swept by the fire and it is still raging, and the fate of the little city is held in the balance by the God of Winds.

Last Tuesday a fire broke out at the Base Line Lumber Company's camp on the Gales Creek road and destroyed several hundred dollars worth of logs and tools.

It is not known, says Mr. Patton, the manager of the company, just how much has been lost until the fire subsides so they can make an investigation, but the damage will be great. The ends of several hundred feet of logs have been burnt and greatly damaged. The fire is in the green timber but Mr. Patton says that it will not greatly damage the standing timber as the foliage is too green.

It is not known how the fire originated but it is thought by some that some individual who has had some previous misunderstanding with the company set the fire or could tell how it originated, while others believe that the fire caught from sparks from the engine. Thirty men have been thrown out of employment by the fire and the company is at quite an expense while things are in the present state, but it is thought that the camp will be able to resume work Monday.

New Library Books.

Last Monday the traveling library arrived from Salem and a good lot of useful and instructive volumes are in the lot. Last month was a growing month and the people should take advantage of the select reading that may be had only by adhering to the rules which were published in last week's News. Many people say that they never get time to read but if they would only stop to think they will ascertain that the most successful men in all lines of activity are the men that read and are willing to grasp a new idea when it is in reach. No man is so poor or over crowded with work but that he has some time to read and what time he has should be used in storing up useful ideas from the best works. Some one has said that a thief may steal one's money if he has any, but an idea in the head is something that no one can rob a man of.

Reading is like the liquor habit in one respect, it creates an appetite for itself. Reading begets reading. So get the habit. Following is the list of books which have just been received:

FOR MUSICIANS

Daniels. An American girl in Munich. Dole. A score of famous composers.

ABOUT GERMANY.

Auerbach. On the heights. (A novel.) Bruneck, pseud. Prince Henry's sailor boy. (A story.) Dawson. German life in town and country.

Headlam. Bismarck and the foundation of the German empire. Olmhausen. Adventures of an army nurse.

ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY

Coffin. Old times in the colonies. Elson. History of the United States. Fairlie. National administration of the United States.

Goss. Jed. (Civil war story.) Lodge. Daniel Webster.

ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES.

Brassey. A voyage in the "Sunbeam."

Davis. Our English cousins. Headland. Our little Chinese cousin. Vincent. Around and about South America.

ABOUT MANY SUBJECTS.

Andrews. Stories Mother Nature told her children. Ball. Star land. Cochrane. Romance of industry and invention. Cram. Little beasts of field and wood. Frothingham. Sea-wolves of seven shores. Graham & Clark. Practical track and field athletics. Hurl. Greek sculpture. James. Talks on some of life's ideals. Longfellow. Evangeline. McClure's magazine. 1904-05. v 24. Perry. The boy's Odyssey. St John. Things a boy should know about electricity.

U. S.—Dep't of agriculture. Fruit growing.

ABOUT IMAGINARY PLACES AND PEOPLE.

Bacon (Daskam). Smith college stories.

Barbour. Behind the line. Brooks. The boy emigrants.

Crawford. Via crucis. Freeman. The portion of labor.

Frothingham. The turn of the road. Grimm. Fairy tales.

Howard. Aunt Serena. Johnson. Phaeton Rogers.

Keary. A York and a Lancaster rose. Kingsley. Hypatia.

Kipling. The day's work. Lang. The book of romance.

Loughead. The abandoned claim. Murfree. (Craddock, pseud.) The prophet of the Great Smoky Mountains. Page. In old Virginia.

Potter. The tale of Benjamin Bunny. Raymond. Tryphena in love.

Ricardus. Quicksilver Sue. Roberts. The heart of the ancient wood.

Sedgwick. Paths of judgment. Stevenson. David Balfour.

Thackeray. The Newcomes. Ward. Lady Rose's daughter.

White, E. O. A little girl of long ago.

White, S. E. The silent places.

Good reading for young people.

Musical Program at Church.

Last Sunday evening an impromptu but splendid program of devotional music was rendered at the Congregational church which took capitally with the audience. This program was given under the direction and at the suggestion of Rev. C. F. Clapp, the evangelist, who is home for his vacation and who expects to leave soon for his year's work. A musical program will be given again next Sunday evening and Mr. Clapp will preach in the morning.

Besides the songs by the audience there were solos of much inspiration sung. Principal Bates sang "Wash Me Clean" and Miss Jessie Hoge, "Never a Day." Dwinell Clapp rendered a selection on the violin with much effect.

"Rise to all Eternity" was sung soulfully by D. T. Thomas, the evangelist singer, who works with Mr. Clapp. Mr. Thomas has a voice of much power and his tones are beautiful.

The Abraham brothers sang a duet by special request. Mrs. Frank T. Chapman sang for her first time before a local audience since her return from abroad. She sang "A Baby's Shoe" and revealed her wonderful power of sustenance in the rendition of this soul-inspiring piece of music of the baby's shoe. She thrilled the audience and there was scarcely a dry eye in the church when she completed the song.

Mr. Thomas rendered a solo and the audience sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" in conclusion.

Conservatory Teachers.

The following teachers have been engaged for P. U. conservatory for next year. Piano teachers—Prof. F. T. Chapman, Miss Frances Sheehy, a former pupil of Sherwood, Miss Frances Clapp, Miss Alice Sewell, and Miss Lieser. In voice culture—Mrs. Pauline Miller-Chapman, Miss Maud Shannon and Miss Gladys Hartley.

Cornerstone Laying.

The cornerstone of the German Evangelical Lutheran Emanuel's church at Cornelius, will be laid Sunday, Aug. 25th, at 2 p. m. Rev. C. Buechler of Peninsula, the founder, will officiate. Everybody is invited to attend.

Preaching next Sunday morning at the Congregational Church by Rev. C. F. Clapp. Sunday school at 10; Endeavor meeting at 7; Song service at 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited.

COMPANY WILL PUT ON A NEW CAR

Continued Growth in Business Makes It Necessary.

WILL CARRY U. S. MAIL

New Motors Are Ordered for Old Passenger Which Will Give It Higher Speed.

As evidence of Forest Grove's prosperity we have but to point to the fact that the Forest Grove Transportation Company have, or is about to place an order, for another passenger car, for use on its line in this city. From the time the line has been in operation until the present the business of the company has grown steadily until today the passenger car is carrying on an average of 200 persons daily.

The new car that is to be purchased will not be quite so large as the present one and it will be used at times when the large one is out of commission or is being repaired. With the present schedule on which the trains run it gives one car about all it can do to meet the needs of its patrons and should the slightest thing happen it might greatly inconvenience the public. It is for this reason that another car is to be installed. The company has endeavored to do the very best for the traveling public and today Forest Grove is enjoying one of the best and most appreciable conveniences of any city in the state.

The company has not stopped here either for only a few days ago two new and much larger motors were ordered which will be put on the passenger making it possible for a much faster speed. The motors will arrive in a few days and will be at once put on.

Beginning next Monday, August 26th the mail will be carried to and from the depot by the passenger car, the contract of Mr. Hute Johnson with the government expiring on that date.

The line has been in operation a little over a year and the success it has attained has been surprising even to the most sanguine. It has not only been a success financially to the company but it has been the means of strengthening the growth of the city. The very fact that an electric car stands at the S. P. depot waiting the trains is one of the biggest boons to the prosperity of the city and naturally it gives the passing public an inkling as to what is to be found up town. The News rejoices at the company's growth and wishes it continued prosperity.

Electric Railway News.

The proposed electric line mentioned in The News some few weeks ago, which is to run up Gales Creek to a point near Lyda's mill, is quietly acquiring right-of-way, or promises to that effect, and should it be secured the road will have the necessary capital to construct it. Speaking of the road the Evening Telegram has this to say:

"The proposed line would also tap the principal gravel supply of Washington County, extend through a growing dairy section and a district which produces immense amounts of hay and grain."

"An estimate is being made of the cost, which will run somewhere above the \$50,000 mark, and to finance it an enlargement of the company has been discussed. A large amount of stock could readily be disposed of to farmers and mill men who are anxious to see the line extended into a district that promises great things in dairying, lumber and agriculture, once it is directly connected by rail with the outside markets."

Sunday Aug. 11, R. C. Hill, secretary and district president, visited the Watts Sunday School and last Sunday he visited the two schools at Gales Creek. He was accompanied by County President L. L. Hollinger. These schools are evergreen (all year) schools, and encouraging word was given to each school by these officers. Mr. Hill will try to make this a banner district. He expects to visit Hillside and Thatcher next Sunday.

Mrs. D. D. Martin left last Friday for Seattle, where she will spend a month or two with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Cole.

GOOD YIELD OF HOPS THIS YEAR

Washington County Yards About Ready to Pick.

BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Dates of Picking Vary from Sept. 1 to 10. More Pickers Are Needed.

While hop growers of other sections are weeping and wailing because of light crops and some to such a degree that some of them are said to have passed up the idea of picking the crop this year, the growers, most of them at any rate, in this section of the country are jumping up into the air and cracking their heels together because of the excellent condition of the beer element product.

J. C. Buchanan, who has a yard of 65 acres between here and Cornelius, states that he has an excellent crop, very clean and full. The only thing that seems to be bothering the growers of this section is the pickers and price they will get for the hops when they are picked, dried and ready for the market.

This has been a very busy year. Men, women and children have been called upon to take up the shovel and pitchfork and come to the rescue of the crops. And they have been very well paid for it too. Better wages have seldom if ever been known around these parts. Last week a farmer searched the town from one end to the other for a man to help him put up his hay and he had to violate a rule which has been inviolable for centuries, to hire a college professor. Most college professors believe that it is beneath their dignity to don overalls and enter the field but this man listened to the call for men and is now earning his bread by the sweat of his brow in the hayfield.

This dearth of men and excellence in wages has made many former hop-pickers loth to go to the yards in some sections and were it not for the outing feature of the picking hops it would be still harder to get pickers. Mr. Buchanan employs about 250 pickers and has not his entire crew yet. He will run a wagon back and forth to Forest Grove to the hop yard, a fact which many will take advantage of. Many people prefer to stay at home and take care of the cow and chickens than to camp right in the yard, while many others wish to be right among the bitter product all the time as they believe the aroma of the hops is a great health producer. Mr. Buchanan will have about two weeks work, and will begin picking between the 8th and 10th of September it is thought.

John Heisler of Gales Creek, has 30 acres which he says are a third better than they were last year. He will begin picking about September 10th. He employs a crew of about 30 all of whom he has not as yet secured. Mr. Heisler furnishes shacks for his pickers. The Parkins Brothers of Gales Creek, have 20 acres of hops which are full and in capital condition.

Nell Johnson of Spring Hill Farm, has a good crop this year and will secure most of his pickers from the immediate neighborhood. A. A. Russell of Gaston, has a better production this year than last and has 30 acres. He has sheds for the pickers and will furnish them with spuds and fruit. He has not secured all of his crew yet and will begin picking about the 4th or 6th of September. Mose Johnson, Matheria, H. V. Scott, Wm Blums, John Miller and Cruikshanks have yards near Gaston.

Will Porter has a splendid yard a couple of miles north of town on the road to Verboort, and many people from here will pick there.

Scores of people from this city "will pick hops" in some yard, some patronizing the local yards and others going to Yamhill County. This form of labor is not only a pleasant change but the change that makes the old mare go accompanies the work, and many people plan on it from one season to the next. Not least among the interested parties in hop picking, are the merchants. The month of August is always a dull month as a good share of the city folks are away to the mountains and seashore and consequently the dealers in the necessities of life are hungry for trade. But just wait until

after the hops of all the yards are harvested and their hunger will be satisfied.

Mr. Love of Thatcher, has 21 acres and will have about 17 days picking. He will begin about September 1. We have not been able to get some of the parties who have yards.

The price for picking as reported by most of the growers will be one dollar per hundred.

Col. Harry Haynes will have about 20 acres to pick this year just about a mile east of town. Mr. Haynes says his crop, which is in the second year, will yield abundantly and he has the largest hops he ever saw. He will begin picking about September 1st. The McPherson yard is near by with an abundant crop. Most all the yards in this vicinity will begin their harvest about September first, some lasting the entire month. Those contemplating picking this year should make it known to the yard owners as soon as possible so that no delay is occasioned.

Forest Grove Wins.

After spending a few weeks in the clouds the Colts returned to earth last Sunday and defeated LaFayette by the score of 9 to 3. And had it not been for a little aerial stunt performance in the eight the visitors from the old town, once the county seat of Yamhill county, would have been absolutely up against it for scores. The many friends of the Colts now maintain that the equi as Caesar would say, will finish the season in rip roaring fine style as they began the epoch this year.

Davis was on the firing line and mixed up some chemical soothlets that worked just like Madame Winslow's Soothing Syrup on new born babies. He always has had a wicked ball but he has been afraid of its cruelty and has therefore plowed holes in the ozone some distance from the batter or what is commonly known as being a little wild, but he is getting to shooting them closer and the effect has been very gratifying to Manager Wirtz and the whole family. Getter was behind the shooting line and worked like a leaguer up to the last inning when he had to leave to catch the train. Ticky Brown went in and proved his ability as a catcher. The fans were rejoiced to see the young bardware man of Goff Brothers back in the game for he has few equals in this part of the country in his position—and that is the garden.

Willie Shultz caused the fans to open their mouths and shout good and loud when he made a lickety split sprint for a sizzling skyrocket way over against the fence and pulled it down just like a coon dragging down a chicken out of a tree.

Kopple was back on his feet again from his little bit of work last Sunday week and put up as good ball as he has this summer, shoveling up a half dozen or so of grassburners and whipping them to the first pillow. Young Ireland appeared for the first time for the Colts and proved a capital acquisition both as a batter and in the field. Moore pulled in a couple of flies.

The Colts were up first and scored two in the second, two in the fourth, four in the seventh and one in the eighth. While the visitors chopped the ozone and flew out to first in clock work order until the eighth when Dill, Hembee and Grazer scored. Wm. Kertson umpired the game.

Next Sunday the Colts go to LaFayette for a return game.

The line up: Colts; Brown, rf; Getter, s; Ireland, lf; Koppel, ss; Barrett, 1b; W. Schultz, 3b; R. Schultz, 2b; Moore, cf; Davis, p. LaFayette; Faber, rf; Raymond, cf; Blough, lf; Dill, ss; Hubbard, 1b; Choquette, 3b; Coyle, 2b; Hembee, cf; Picard, p.

The Junior Club played a game in the morning with the "Stringtown" aggregation of Portland, which resulted in a score of 17 to 6 for the latter. The Juniors saw from the first that they were up against a proposition much larger than they had bargained for, owing to the fact the visiting club was assisted by players from other teams.

Two of the most expert mechanics of Portland came out yesterday to put in the stairway in the new ladies dormitory and Architect Whidden has assured President Ferrin that the hall will be ready for occupation by the beginning of school. Carpenters are at work on the inside finishing and putting down the floors, and Frank Wagner and other painters are varnishing the woodwork.

Cecil Christian, one of the messenger boys of Portland, is out here spending a few days with his friends, while the strike is on. Cecil is not a union man but he says the fellows wanted him not to carry Western Union stuff so he is just taking a layoff until the matter is settled.

BUYING GOOD STOCK FOR ITS PATRONS

Pacific Coast Condenser Has Man in The East.

WILL SELL ON CONTRACT

Highest Bred Stock Obtainable in Wisconsin Is Being Chosen—Chance for Dairymen.

The Pacific Coast Condenser Company is making an effort to assist its patrons to get a better grade of stock for their farms and as a move in this direction they have a first class stock buyer in Wisconsin procuring several carloads of choice animals. As a matter of fact it is a hard thing to find good stock at prices which seem anything but exorbitant, as the following excerpt from a letter to the Condenser here will show:

"He is now working on two carloads of bull calves and is finding them exceedingly hard to buy. They are, however, in the country but the prices are so high that it almost discourages him. He, however, writes that he has secured quite a few from the very richest and best bred stock in the east."

He writes that he bought four that day of the advanced registry. Their pedigree will show up among the best. They have from 26 to 28 closely related cows officially tested that run from 20 to 30 lbs. of butter. He is having each one of these animals tested for tuberculosis and their registered papers brought down and transferred so that the buyer will have the opportunity of getting an animal which has been tested for tuberculosis and also pedigree registered. It will probably be thirty days before they reach here. "He says that some of these bulls will bring as high as \$300. In fact he can re-sell them for this amount of money."

Yesterday I received a letter from the State Experimental Farm, they having learned of our shipment and there is no doubt but that we can place quite a large number of these bulls in Eastern Washington but we are not buying for the general market but simply for our customers.

"He writes regarding heifers, that he has not seen one he would take yet, that can be bought for less than \$300 back east. This looks as if he would have to buy some very young calf stock in the registered Holstein heifer line."

It is the intention of the Condenser company to sell this stock to patrons of their factories and have inaugurated a plan by which the buyer can pay part cash and pay the balance in milk on the installment plan. Of each animal there will be a pamphlet setting forth its color marks and breeding, thus enabling the purchaser to know what he is buying.

As announced in last week's News the price of milk was raised from \$1.35 to \$1.45 per hundred, and the strong condition of the market would indicate that still another advance will be made. This market was never in better condition and the only drawback is that the dairymen do not have enough cows to meet the demands.

Rev. Hall, who is now running a ranch on the Gales Creek road, was formerly manager of the DeMoss Musical Company which has played in every state in the Union and Europe. Before he went in as head, the company had a difficult time getting large churches to operate in, but as soon as he took hold of the helm everything sailed smoothly. The reason he quit the business was on account of an injury which he sustained in a train wreck in Missouri. He may give up farming and go into the evangelistic work. Mr. Hall has discovered several hills of a new species of potatoes in his garden on the Creek which he says resemble the Burbank spud very much, only they are much earlier, in fact more so than the Early Rose. They are a white potato and very mealy.

Recorder Hoge reports that there is an unusually large demand for houses to rent by people who wish to come here for school and for the winter. It has been quite a while since houses have been so scarce and by the time that school begins there will not be an empty building.