

FOREST FIRE LOSSES ENORMOUS SAYS HARDING IN PROCLAMATION

Calling attention to the great losses by preventable forest fires in the United States, threatening a timber shortage and increasing the area of non-productive land, President Harding has issued a proclamation urging the governors of the various states to set apart the week of May 22-28 as Forest Protection Week. Officials of the Deschutes national forest were supplied today with a copy of the proclamation:

"Whereas, the destruction by forest fires in the United States involves an annual loss of approximately \$20,000,000 and the devastation of approximately 12,500,000 acres of timber land and other natural resources, and

"Whereas, the present deplorably large area of non-productive land is being increased by 33,000 or more forest fires which occur each year, and

"Whereas, the menace of a future timber shortage threatens to become a present economic fact seriously affecting our social and industrial welfare, and

"Whereas, A large percentage of the forest fires causing the annual waste of natural resources may be prevented by increasing care and vigilance on the part of citizens;

"Therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, do urge upon the governors of the various states to designate and set apart the week of May 22-28, 1921, as Forest Protection Week, and to request all citizens of their states to plan for that week such educational and instructive exercises as shall bring before the people the serious and unhappy effects of the present unnecessary waste by forest fires, and the need of their individual and collective efforts in conserving the natural resources of America."

SCHOOL TEAM PLAYS BURNS

BASEBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 AND MAY 13—WILL ALSO PLAY MADRAS AND PRINEVILLE.

Two baseball games have been definitely scheduled by the Bend high school team, which has been practicing steadily under the coaching of E. C. Miller. Tentative dates for games with Madras high have been twice called off because of inclement weather. Bend will play at Burns April 30, Burns high coming here May 13. Games with Madras and Prineville will be arranged soon. Hedmond has no team.

Through the class games held earlier in the season and the practice held so far, a fast team has been lined up which needs only the steady- ing of actual conflict to make it a dangerous contender for Central Oregon honors.

WELLS FREED; JURY SPEEDY

ACQUITTALS RESULT IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES ON DOCKET—CIVIL SUITS WILL OCCUPY NEXT WEEK.

A straight record of acquittals for the entire docket of criminal cases for this term of circuit court was hung up Friday evening when the jury in the case against Newton Wells, charged with looting a homesteader's cabin, brought in a verdict of not guilty after being out one hour. No other criminal cases were ready for trial and court was adjourned until Monday morning.

Only three cases were heard during the first week of court, but two were marked by an abundance of testimony, the trials of James T. Carter for alleged statutory offenses, and of C. L. Evans and Jake Kooyman for larceny. Unusual dispatch was observed in Friday's trial, a jury being picked, both sides heard and a verdict given in one day.

Bear Stories Of Bad Roads Without Foundation, Declares Publisher Of Automobile Record, Touring State

After purchasing and loading his car down with equipment for extricating it from mud holes, at the advice of Klamath Falls people who claimed to know the condition of the road to Bend, M. O. Wilkins, publisher of the Oregon Automobile Record, came through almost all of the way in high gear, he remarked last week. He left Klamath Falls at 9 o'clock in the morning and arrived in Bend at 9 o'clock in the evening, losing an hour in ferrying across Klamath lake, part of the detour necessary because of the construction near Chiloquin.

Although the road by way of Silver Lake, which has been used for several weeks, is now so miry as to be impassable, the route through

HOW TO GROW POTATO TOLD

BULLETIN CONTAINS VALUABLE INFORMATION ON SOILS, SEED SELECTION, PLANTING, TILLAGE AND HARVESTING.

"How to Grow an Acre of Potatoes," a bulletin prepared especially for use in boys' and Girls' club work, but containing information of value to anyone who intends to raise potatoes, may be had by writing to the U. S. department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The bulletin is No. 1199.

The booklet discusses the value of increasing production, selection of suitable soil, its preparation, selection of seed, plant food supply, seed disinfection, quantity, size, cutting and planting of seed, tillage, diseases, spraying, and selecting for seed, harvesting, grading and storage.

A summary of the advice contained in the booklet is printed on the front page:

"Select a soil that works easily, that is well supplied with humus and is not subject to drought.

"Apply plant food liberally.

"Plow as deep as possible, eight or 10 inches if the surface soil will permit.

"Conserve soil moisture by disking fall-plowed land in early spring and the spring-plowed land as soon as plowed.

"Put the soil in the best possible shape before planting.

"Plant a variety adapted to your locality and soil.

"Use the best seed obtainable.

"Disinfect the seed potatoes before cutting them.

"Cut blocky seed pieces, weighing from one to two ounces.

"After planting keep the surface of the ground loose and friable until the plants appear.

"After the plants appear give deep cultivation. Cultivate often enough to keep the soil loose and the weeds destroyed.

"Prevent injury to the plants from disease or insect pests by spraying them with suitable fungicides and insecticides.

"If you live where it is possible to produce good seed improve your stock by systematic selection of tubers from the best-producing plants. This should be done in the field, by hand-

digging a goodly number of promising-looking plants.

"Increase your returns from the crop by carefully grading it."

ICE FACTORY WILL BE HEAVY SHIPPER

Central Oregon Towns Outside of Bend To Use 110 Tons—Shortage Is Provided Against.

At least 110 tons of ice manufactured in Bend will be used in Central Oregon towns outside of Bend this summer. A. E. Anderson, in charge of sales for the Deschutes Ice Co., reports after a trip to Prineville, Madras and other Central Oregon points.

What the total sales will be this year is impossible to forecast, Mr.

Anderson declares. Last year's deliveries during the summer season averaged six tons, but the supply was inadequate. Improvements at the local factory should be ample provision against any shortage this year, he believes.

Twenty-five tons a month is the present consumption in Bend, although daily maximum temperatures are still averaging less than 65 degrees.

Absent-Mindedness.

Interest in what one is doing and the necessity of doing it within a given time go far toward compelling concentration of thought and attention. Power of concentration is, in fact, so common a possession that it often grows into absent-mindedness, absorption in one line of thought leading to neglect of others. Absent-mindedness is frequently encountered, but people do not always think of it as an accompaniment of concentration.

FOUR CYCLE COPS TO PATROL STATE

Traffic And Speed Violators Will Live In Fear And Trembling After June 1st.

Violators of traffic and speed laws throughout the state of Oregon will live in fear and trembling after June 1, says Jay Salzman, special state officer, who was in Bend last week. On that date four motorcycle officers, operatives of the state secretary's department, will be sent out upon the highways of the state, to arrest all violators of both speed and traffic laws. One will cover the Central Oregon district.

These men will be secret service operators to the nth degree, for they will be sent to districts where they

are not known, and will be shifted from district to district so frequently as to avoid any information of their identity reaching the general public.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SPRINKLING STREETS

Contracts for sprinkling the city streets, letting of which was postponed at Friday's council meeting because of irregularities in the bids presented were today awarded to H. O. Jackson by the streets committee. Jackson's bid was 89 cents an hour. The others were for \$1 and \$1.12 1/2, presented by Anton Aune and Joe Albright, respectively.

Probably Steals the Soap. Melbourne Argus—Situation wanted. Housemaid, unscrupulously clean.—Boston Transcript.

THE GOLDEN RULE STORE BIG MONEY RAISING SALE

We must raise money, therefore we are going to forget the cost and mark our prices down to rock bottom. Our complete line of Men's Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes, will be sacrificed for 8 days only. Don't Miss This Sale—that will be the talk of Central Oregon—and remember--

8 Days COMMENCING SATURDAY APRIL 23 8 Days

MEN'S SUITS

Men's Light Weight Summer Suits, all wool, guaranteed. \$30 value, special, limited number **\$12.50**

Men's Khaki Norfolk Suits, just the thing for summer wear, neatly made, finest material, special **\$18.95**

Men's Suits, plain and double breasted models in the newest shades of green and dark brown, 2 pair of pants; special **\$21.50**

\$50.00 value Men's All Wool Cheviot Suits, young Men's double breasted model; special **\$29.95**

Monroe Suits, two pair pants, all wool, silk sewed, extra fine tailored; special **\$35.00**

BOYS' SUITS

Just a few Suits to close out; large sizes; good serviceable chool suits; special **\$2.98**

Boys' Steel Fibre Nick Suits, all wool, extra patch and buttons; double reinforced seat and knee; \$15.00 values; special **\$8.95**

Extra Special!

Every pair of Boys' Pants in the entire stock, including greys, mixtures and corduroy; special **\$1.00**

EXTRA SPECIALS!

Men's Unbleached Cotton Gloves good weight; extra special; per pair **5c**

(Limit 3 pr to one customer)
Men's Heavy Rockford Work Sox; mixed colors; Special; per pair **10c**

Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts; guaranteed full cut, fast color; an extra quality; Special **69c**

Men's Boss of the Road Overalls, Union Made, in blue stripe and khaki color; extra special, per pair **98c**

Men's 50c value Lisle Thread Sox; colors black, cordovan, grey and navy; Special, per pair **25c**

Men's Heavy Mulehide Mitts, welt seam, extra good quality; special **49c**

Men's Pants

Men's Khaki Pants, good weight, full size; extra well made and reinforced; special **\$1.48**

\$4.25 value Men's Heavy Whipcord Pants; dark color; Union Made; extra special **\$2.45**

Men's Heavy Corduroy Pants, extra well made; good, strong and durable; special **\$3.95**

Men's Khaki Lace Bottom Pants extra quality, double seat and knee; just the thing for camping or fishing; special **\$2.95**

Shoes! Shoes!

One lot Boys' Dress Shoes in broken sizes; limited number; well made; special at **\$1.45**

\$10.00 value Men's Mahogany Color, English and wide toe last, bench made; good solid leather soles; special at **\$5.95**

Men's Hand Made Logger Shoes, every pair guaranteed, pegged and sewed, double vamp; sold at \$18.00; special **\$10.95**

Underwear!

Men's Balbrigan Light Weight Shirts and Drawers; all sizes; regular 85c value; special **49c**

Men's Heavy Fleeced Lined and Cotton Ribbed Shirts and Drawers; special **59c**

Men's Medium Heavy Cotton Ribbed Union Suits, long sleeve, ankle length; \$2.95 value; special at **\$1.49**

Men's Summer Weight Cotton Ribbed Unions, long and short sleeves, ankle length; special at **98c**

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

Men's Extra Quality Dress Shirts, neck band style; sizes 14 to 17; fast color guaranteed; in madras, cord and Oxford cloth; \$3.50 values; special at **\$1.25**