

## FIRE DESTROYS HAY

### Grass in Meadow is Ignited and Conflagration Threatened

### PROPERTY LOSS IS ABOUT \$1000

### Hay and Winter Pasture Threatened With Destruction Fire is Stopped With Little Loss—Many Go From Burns to Help—Starts in One of P. L. S. Company Fields.

got started Tuesday in grass on what is known as Weeks field belonging to P. L. S. Co. and for a time of dollars worth of property was threatened with destruction.

Bower, who is in the employ of Wm. Hanley, was the time the fire started, states that there was a work fixing the fence between the Weeks field and soon after the man left he saw the fire. Bower started fighting the fire and was soon joined by others. The fire got under way that it jumped the fence to the east side. With difficulty the Hanley boys saved with but little loss the flames quickly over the Hanley field on the north side and covered a large area before it was under control. It destroyed a large amount of property about \$1000 worth of hay.

Mr. Hanley, but fortunately no other hay was burned, as the P. L. S. Co. had 100 tons stacked near by. The ranchers had enormous quantities of hay in the neighborhood and had the fire got a start it would have been the loss of not only the value of the hay but also the loss of stock on account of winter forage being left. The damage is nominal compared to what it might have been.

A large number of our people went out and assisted in fighting the flames. The conflagration has been singularly moderate in respect to prairie fires there has always been a less danger from fires of this nature, especially at this season when there has been a heavy rain and the river at a low stage. It seems, however, that our ranchers cut over the meadows in such a manner as to increase the danger of a conflagration by leaving such quantities of hay as desired for fall pasturing, especially that is not only short stubble surviving.

## PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

During the local real estate market during the week were some property changes. W. T. Hill has purchased the residence property of Mrs. Horton in east Burns. The former has been living in the city. Harlan has purchased the residence of S. L. Bowen residence on the corner of the hill in the west part of town at the top of Oregon road grade. J. L. Kern purchased the H. E. Felton residence property in Brown's and at once transferred to O. Faulkner, the civil engineer. Mr. Faulkner will make some improvements to the property where he and his wife will make their home. Brown who now occupies the residence will build a new house, lots in Brown's addition.

Changes, together with other improvements now being contemplated, will give the city and will make a difference in the appearance. Our little city is becoming one of the most satisfactory and most improved communities to follow. Among the most magnificent public buildings in the near future no doubt a new Presbyterian church. The two latter buildings next season will be started at least one completed. The coming of new people, the

Elma A. Jones vs. H. E. Felton—Foreclosure. Settled and dismissed.

## LAW.

A. J. Skein vs. J. P. Dickenson—Recovery of money. Set for trial April term.  
H. B. Syme et al vs. H. M. Horton—Recovery of money. Set for trial April term.  
E. J. Tracey vs. A. F. B. George—Appeal from Justice court. Set for trial April term.  
Grant Thompson vs. E. E. McCay—Attachment. Settled and dismissed.  
J. R. Jenkins vs. Pat Conley—Damages. Set for trial April term.

## GRAND JURY REPORT.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County. In the matter of the Final Report of the Grand Jury for the October, 1909 term of the above entitled Court.  
To the Hon. Geo. E. Davis Judge of the above named Court.  
We the Grand Jury for the October term of the above named court herewith submit this our final report and ask to be discharged for the term:—

We have been in session for a period of six days, during which time we have examined into all matters brought to our attention or of which we or any of us have had any knowledge and have returned into this court, 16 true bills of indictment and 4 not true bills of indictment.

Having completed our labors we ask to be discharged for the term.

Geo. Gates  
L. L. Paujade  
Geo. Craddock  
A. J. Johnson  
J. M. McMullen  
Starr Buckland  
Brad Moss

## MORE PREMIUM WINNERS.

The Times-Herald gave a partial list of premium winners at the county fair last week, but hadn't sufficient space to complete them. Following are more of them:

## NEEDLEWORK, ART, FANCY.

Mrs. J. T. Barnes, first on homewoven bedspread, second on quilts.  
Mrs. Skeins, first on drawn-work skirt.  
Mrs. M. E. Witherspoon first on quilt.  
Mrs. Buttski, first and second on embroidered waists, first on crossstitch and second on braiding.  
Mrs. John Back, first on doiley, first on table cover, second on hardanger, first on lounge cover.  
Mrs. Chris Lackman, second on doily.  
Mrs. Frank Cole, first on embroidered center piece, second on baby's hood, battenburg, first on battenburg collar, second on an embroidered lunch cloth, second on crocheted apron, first on hemstitch underskirt.  
Mrs. Thos. Bain first on quilt.  
Mrs. E. N. Nelson first on crocheted doily.  
Miss Mary Caldwell, second on French and evellet embroidered waist, second on French and eyellet doily.  
Mrs. Frank Cole, first on silk bed set, first on feather quilt.  
Mrs. Thos. Sagers, first on embroidered center piece, first on embroidered cushion.  
Miss Fanny Kesterson, first on crossstitch sofa cushion.  
Miss Janet Gowan, second on crossstitch sofa cushion.  
Mrs. A. W. Gowan, first on tatting, first and second on display of drawnwork.  
Mrs. Lee Caldwell, first and second on burnt work.  
Mrs. A. W. Gowan, first on knitted lace.  
Mrs. E. N. Nelson, first on crossstitch apron.  
Mrs. Julian Byrd, first on embroidered lunch cloth, first on embroidered waist, first on embroidered center piece.  
Mrs. McGee, first on painted pictures, first on painted cushion tops.  
Mrs. John Back, first on red stamped table cover.  
Mrs. Frank Cole, second on painted sofa cushion.  
Mrs. Willett, first on embroidered handbag.

## CRIMINAL.

State vs. Charley Barker—Forgery. Pleads guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.  
State vs. W. M. Byrd—Larceny of horses. Set for trial second day of April term and bond increased to \$750 or \$500 if cash bail.  
State vs. Elvin Marshall—Assault with a dangerous weapon. Not a true bill.  
State vs. Wm. Tureman—Larceny of a coat. Not a true bill.  
State vs. Ike Trough—Lewd Cohabitation. Not a true bill.  
State vs. Wm. Smith—Larceny from a barn. Not a true bill.  
State vs. Carl F. Deerman—Larceny. No appearance. Bench warrant issued.  
State vs. Lee Carpenter—Two indictments on statutory crime. Set for trial April term.  
State vs. Steve and Vernie Kern—Larceny from a dwelling. Both plead guilty and sentenced to one year each in penitentiary. Patrolled.

## EQUITY.

Gussie Smith vs. Harry Smith—Divorce. Continued for term.  
W. T. VanderVeer vs. S. C. Keyes—Accounting. Referred to official reporter.  
Sophia Burkhardt vs. C. B. Aasmus—Injunction. Referred to official reporter.  
J. M. Farrens vs. Mary J. Farrens—Divorce. Decree for plaintiff.  
Orah Baker vs. Alfred B. Baker—Divorce. Decree for plaintiff.

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## HILL TO RUSH THE LINE

### J. F. Stevens Reports Oregon Trunk Will be Expedited

### RETURNS FROM HIS TRIP EAST

### Four Thousand Men Will be Employed and the Road Will be Extended 50 Miles South of Madras, Declares Engineer—Would not Talk Further of Railroad Plans When Pressed.

John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk, returned yesterday from a three weeks' visit to Chicago and New York with the renewed assurance that his company will immediately complete the construction of its road into Central Oregon, says the Oregonian. Other than to make this announcement, Mr. Stevens would not divulge the plans of the Oregon Trunk as to the likely extension of its line into California, with San Francisco as the ultimate terminus, or the building of lateral lines across the state, particularly a branch which would reach and serve long-neglected Coos Bay and surrounding territory.

"I have only to say," said Mr. Stevens yesterday, "that the Oregon Trunk will proceed with the completion of its projected road into Central Oregon just as rapidly as the employment of laborers and the expenditure of money will make possible. As to the final destination of our road, I have nothing to say. We have started out to build a railroad into Central Oregon and that is what we propose to do."

"We have awarded contracts for the construction work as far south as Madras, and camps have been organized for the employment of 4000 laborers, who will be put to work just as rapidly as they can be found. It is true that we have a number of surveying crews in the field south of Madras. It is our purpose to build our railroad to a point in interior Oregon at least 50 miles south of Madras. It has not been decided that Bend will be that objective point, although one of the surveys extends to that town. The various surveys which have been made will be considered thoroughly as to the practicability of the routes proposed and their feasibility with reference to possible extensions in the future. We mean business and the work contemplated will be pushed to an early completion."

Saying this, Mr. Stevens switched the conversation to a discussion of the series of championship baseball games between the Pittsburg and Detroit teams. It is characteristic of Mr. Stevens, who is Hill's personal representative, that loquacity is not one of his traits. Further questioning as to the plans of the railroad of which he is the executive head was just as productive of results as could be expected from an equally persistent interrogation of a sphynx. Any time Mr. Stevens says "I have nothing more to say," he means exactly what he says, and that is all there is to it.

## CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION.

The following is taken from a circular sent out by the State Department of Public Instruction giving the sources of examination questions for state and county papers, February 9-12 and August 10-13, 1910:

1. Arithmetic, one-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Smith.
2. Civil Government, Strong & Schaefer.
3. English Literature: February, 1910—A. One-half from texts: Newcomer's English Literature, and Newcomer's American Literature. B. One-half from the following classics: 1. The Gold Bug—Poe. 2. The Ancient Mariner—Coleridge. 3. Silas Marner—Eliot.
4. Geography, one-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Redway and Hinman.
5. Grammar, one-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Buehler.

## TALKS 'EM OUT OF \$100.

John Gilerist, manager of the Pacific Livestock company, disproved the old adage that silence is golden when his ready tongue pared \$100 off his fine in the federal court this morning. He was fined \$400 and costs for having maintained an illegal fence on government land, having been indicted on four counts and having pleaded guilty to one of these counts when brought to trial. District Attorney McCourt had suggested to Judge Wolverton that a fine of \$500 added to the cost of the action would be about all that the ends of justice would need to square the account.

Judge Wolverton asked Gilerist if he had any statement to make and the defendant said he had. For half an hour he plead-

ed his case before the judge so earnestly and with such force that when the judge pronounced sentence he lopped \$100 off the fine mentioned by the district attorney and made the penalty for violating the law \$400 and costs instead of \$500 and costs.

Gilcrest is the manager of the Pacific Livestock company which has large holdings in Central Oregon, with head quarters at Burns. Recently he was indicted for having maintained fences on government land which shut up some 18,000 acres of public land from the use of the people. When the indictments were returned Gilcrest pleaded guilty to one of them, contending that on the others he had removed the fences except such as he was entitled to keep up. His case came up for sentence this morning.

In presenting the case of the government, District Attorney McCourt said that at the time of entering the plea it had been decided between the plaintiff and defendant that, owing to the circumstances of the case, a fine without imprisonment would be sufficient punishment. Mr. McCourt said that the fences had been taken down. The object of the government was to get the fences down. This had been done except in a case where it was a question of civil and not of criminal remedy. He suggested a fine of \$500 and costs, and no imprisonment.

Mr. Gilcrest, answering the question of Judge Wolverton, made a statement of his case. He said that when the government first gave notice in 1907 for the fences to be removed that he was notified by the officials of his company to take all fences down. He had tried to do this, and had, with the exception of the one fence around what was known as Tioga meadows.

This section of land was a desert and had not been used for the past six years. Mr. Gilcrest said, while the fence had been put there some 14 years ago. After the other fences had been removed the bookkeeper at Burns had called attention to the Tioga meadows tract and Gilcrest had given orders to have the fence, which he had forgotten removed at once. In the meantime, however, the indictment had been returned through a report made by Special Agent Stener.

Mr. Gilcrest contended that at no time had he any criminal intent, but on the other hand was trying his best to observe the law when it had been invoked against the old time custom of the country.

In passing sentence the court took the ground that the ends of justice would be served with a slight punishment and the payment of the cost of the court proceedings. He therefore fixed the fine at \$400.—Portland Journal.

## How to Cure a Cold.

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Mr. Mendell arrived from Milton Thursday and is now residing on his homestead.

Gray Kenney visited at Burns Thursday.

Mike Hailey is back to his homestead again. Hailey brothers expect to have thirty acres under cultivation this fall.

William Davey went to Burns Wednesday where he will make final commutation proof on his homestead.

D. A. Brakeman and son have gone to Vale after supplies.

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