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FIRE BRINGS WORD OF DEEDS OF HERO

Boy and Girl Save Stock; III Woman Dresses, Flees Cracking Flames.

Medford.—Hundreds of men today were fighting forest fires in five Oregon counties.

Governor Meier will be asked within 24 hours to close several areas in Coos county, State Forester Cronmiller said.

A series of incendiary fires in the vicinity of Panther ridge will force the state officials to drastic action, Cronmiller said.

The fires are just south of Camas valley, in almost inaccessible territory. The fire fighters have to travel several miles on foot and pack equipment on burros.

Another fire in Coos county four miles west of Bridge, which was controlled Monday night, broke out again Tuesday. Eighty men are on the scene.

The fire which swept through the Humbug and Forest Creek hills near Applegate since Sunday afternoon was reported to be quiet Tuesday. Flames were being held within the bounds of trenches dug by fighters along the 25-mile front. Foresters are attempting to stop the flames while there is a minimum of wind.

A partial check of property damage shows: Jacob Bielson home, barns, ranch buildings and all crops destroyed; W. M. Miller ranch, owned by J. B. Andrews, house, barns, hay and other crops lost; Ralph Pittcock, barn, hay and crops in field burned; Aaron Hanson, crops and barns burned; fences and other improvements on all ranches in district.

Complete check of the damage is still impossible. All bridges leading up into the Humbug district were burned by the flames, making it impossible to reach the area by car.

Stories of heroism and tragedy are told by persons who fled. Mrs. W. M. Miller was at home alone when the first warning of the fire came. She was ill and had only time to dress herself and flee for her life. Mrs. Miller said the flames wiped out every bit of their personal property in addition to the crops and buildings on the farm. The Millers had just spent their last cent for groceries which were on the porch and were "burned." Miller was in Grants Pass seeking employment when the fire spread over the country.

At the Pittcock ranch only the children were at home. When the flames neared their property one of the small boys rounded up the stock and started driving them toward the Applegate valley below. Regina, 15, loaded some personal belongings into the family car and attempted to leave the country. Never having driven before, she encountered considerable difficulty in the form of numerous trees, rocks and banks. Miss Pittcock had driven the car across a log and was stalled when firefighters rescued her.

Forty-five head of sheep burned were from the Herman Walters ranch. Eighteen belong to Ralph Pittcock. Other stock in the hills is known to have perished in the flames.

A terrific explosion occurred when a fire burned into 200 pounds of quicksilver stored in the Miller house. The building was blown to bits and started many more fires. Fighters were still battling the flames on the Herman Walters place Tuesday.

Radical Changes in the Parcel Post Zone Rate Fees

Radical changes have recently been made in parcel post zone rate charges and increase in size of packages mailed. Under provisions of amended paragraphs of postal laws and regulations, effective August 1, Postmaster Barrett of the Athena office gives the following information for publication:

The limit of weight for fourth-class or parcel-post mail for the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth zones is increased from 50 pounds to 70 pounds, this making the weight limit uniform for all zones; and the limit of size of parcels for all zones is increased from 84 inches to 100 inches in length and girth combined.

The minimum postage charge on a parcel measuring more than 84 inches but not more than 100 inches in length and girth combined is the same as the appropriate zone charge for a 10-pound parcel. That is, parcels measuring more than 84 inches in length and girth combined but weighing less than 10 pounds will be subject to postage in the amount chargeable on a 10-pound parcel for the zone to which the particular parcel may be addressed. On parcels weighing 10 pounds or more, which measure more than 84 inches but not more than 100 inches in length and girth combined, the regular zone pound rates apply.

Postmasters are requested to give the widest possible publicity to the foregoing modifications which have been made for the purpose of increasing the usefulness and availability of the parcel post as a convenient means of transportation and delivery for merchandise, including farm and factory products, books and other marketable articles, weighing over 8 ounces, not embraced in mail of the first or second class.

The Athena Golf Club Took Part in Tournament

Members of the Athena Golf club participated in their first tournament when they went over to the Pilot Rock course Sunday. The Athena players speak in high terms of the hospitality of the host club of Pilot Rock, and are unanimous in declaring that everybody had a royal good time. Pilot Rock won the tournament 13-3. It is one of the oldest clubs in the county and numbers among its members several excellent players, whereas Athena is the youngest club having been but recently organized. Those playing and their scores were:

Pilot Rock—Tom Stanton, gross 74, net 58; Dr. George Smith, 72, 56; M. D. Orange, 82, 61; Walter Smith, 79, 54; Bill Massey, 80, 53; Howard Done, 80, 53; B. Kopp, 85, 63; Paul Bracher, 83, 52; Gordon Webber, 95, 70; Larry McCurry, 89, 70; Beryl Smith, 89, 67; Albert Massey, 90, 63; Tom McMahon, 97, 70; J. Mahon, 96, 69; E. Duncan, 99, 72.

Athena—J. C. Harwood, gross 79, net 61; E. C. Prestby, 93, 69; D. A. Lowe, 84, 60; Dean Pinkerton, 89, 62; Penn Harris, 85, 58; Laurence Pinkerton, 88, 61; Bryce Baker, 90, 63; Lisle Gray, 91, 64; Flint Johns, 93, 66; Pike Miller, 97, 70; Beryl Hodgen, 87, 60; John Milligan, 97, 70; Gordon Watkins, 94, 67; Henry Dell, 96, 69; Fred Kershaw, 109, 82.

A week from Sunday, on August 23, the Pilot Rock club will come to Athena to participate in a return tournament, Athena being the host club.

Stolen Coupe Recovered

The Ford coupe of George Gross which was stolen from his parking place on the Pendleton streets Saturday night was found on a country road east of Pendleton Monday afternoon by officer Merle Anderson. The tires, rificer, generator, and tools were taken and also several coats and sweaters which had been left in the car. Adding insult to injury, the cushions were badly damaged by grease which had been smeared over them. No clues have been found.

Visiting in San Francisco

Mias Della Bryant and Miss Blanche Thorsen, former Athena teachers, are visiting friends in San Francisco. They have completed the summer course at the State Teachers college, and will return soon to Eastern Oregon. Miss Della Bryant will teach at Hood River this year and Miss Blanche Thorsen at The Dalles.

Bonnors Ferry Harvest

Clyde Larabee and Jimmie Braden of Adams left last Wednesday for Bonners Ferry to take in the harvesting of that section and Monday of this week Ed Wallan and Roland Baker left for the same vicinity. Clyde Larabee and Ed Wallan will be employed on the Ralph Allen farm.

Is Able to Return Home

Word has been received from Mrs. Marvin Hawkins, (Ethel Pittman) to the effect that she is able to return to her home in Tacoma after taking a series of treatments in Bellingham for a serious stomach trouble.

Ships Idle "Because of the American Tariff"



Here, in the Gare Loch near Edinburgh, are more than twenty of the finest of Great Britain's merchant ships, all idle for lack of cargoes. And the British believe this is the result of the United States tariff.

Christian Endeavor Summer Conference

The twelfth annual Oregon Christian Endeavor summer conference is to be held at Turner, Oregon, August 24 to August 30, beginning on Monday evening, and closing the following Sunday evening. Its purpose is to furnish training in Christian Endeavor work and other lines of leadership. All young people, regardless of church affiliation, who wish to attend are eligible. The registration fee is \$2.00 payable in advance, \$2.50 if paid at the conference grounds. Room and board for the six days is \$9.00.

The program is varied and interesting, and covers several phases of work. The mornings are given over to classes emphasizing Christian Endeavor work. Afternoons are spent in various kinds of recreation. The addresses in the evenings are given by various speakers, and the bonfire meeting, at the close of each day, is in charge of Dr. Paul C. Brown, Pacific coast field secretary.

An important feature of the conference is the Missionary Festival on Friday afternoon and evening. Many returned missionaries who have been Oregon Christian endeavors will be there with exhibits, and stories of their work.

Pacific International Livestock Exposition

The Premium List of the Twenty-first Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, to be held in Portland, October 24 to 31 inclusive is now being distributed. Copies may be had from General Manager O. M. Plummer, 211 American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon.

The Pacific International hopes to live up to its motto, "Bigger and Better" in every way. Breeders and exhibitors are showing a splendid spirit this early in promising most active support and already many counties are organizing groups to attend the exposition in a body.

This great livestock university of the Pacific slope country has become a part of agriculture in its very best sense and has rooted deep in the hearts of the people of this great Western empire with the result that each year shows friendly attendance and a better understanding of its value to this great country.

Transportation lines everywhere are making a reduced rate for the round trip and exhibit stock is handling free one way. Early inquiries should be made of railroad agents in your home town to get particulars of selling dates and other pertinent information.

War on Pheasants

Open war on China pheasants has been declared by cantaloupe growers in the Willamette valley. It is said the game birds have discovered the fruit and taking full advantage of the situation by testing the quality of the melons. Losses to growers have been so heavy, it was explained, that the state was appealed to, and permission given to shoot to kill. The birds are turned over to the state and distributed to various institutions.

Rides on the Columbia

Paul Miller of Hermiston, recently completed the building of a motor boat which he is manipulating on the Columbia. The boat is 10-foot long, built of thin board and can easily be loaded onto a trailer by one person. It is powered by a seven horse power outboard motor.

Fruitvale Man Killed

Fred Crosswell, former resident of Fruitvale in the east end of the county, was killed in an automobile accident near Moscow, Idaho, Tuesday.

Southern Planters Are Advised by Farm Board to Plow Under Cotton

The farm board has called upon southern planters to destroy one-third of their crop now under cultivation, promising in return to hold stabilization surplus stocks from the market for one year.

Telegrams were dispatched to the governors of 14 cotton-producing states urging them to enlist the cooperation of every available agency, including farmers and bankers, in this step to increase the low price of cotton.

They were signed by Chairman Stone, who conferred with directors of the cotton stabilization corporation and the American Cotton Cooperative association. Stone said if growers promised to plow under every third row of cotton now growing, the cotton co-operative would be asked also to withhold the 2,000,000 bales it holds from trade channels.

Stone, in his telegrams to the governor, estimated that probable carry-over a year from now under present conditions would be about 11,000,000 bales.

"The condition," he said, "has already resulted in drastic price declines in cotton prices which, if allowed to continue, may bring direct disaster to cotton producing states and indirect disaster to the nation."

McNary Urges Wheat Sales to Aid China

Salem.—United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, telegraphed to James C. Stone, chairman of the federal farm board at Washington urging the farm board to give serious study to a proposal to sell 30,000,000 bushels of surplus American wheat at liberal terms to the Chinese government for the purpose of relieving famine suffering and possible death of 10,000,000 Chinese in the Yangtze valley.

"Have just received wire from chairman of the Chinese Famine Relief association, New York, suggesting advisability of your board selling 30,000,000 bushels of wheat on favorable terms in order to relieve starvation of 10,000,000 Chinese," stated the telegram of Senator McNary to Chairman Stone. "My very great interest in the agricultural situation and the activities of the farm board compel me to urge immediate consideration of this transaction. The large carryover in wheat has a depressing effect on the price level, and I surely hope you will seize every opportunity to reduce the surplus accumulation in cereals. I add that this same view can be applied to recent offer from Germany to buy a large supply of wheat. I am sure the board will give these proposals very close study."

Senator McNary's action was taken in response to a telegram from David A. Brown of New York, chairman of the Chinese Famine Relief association.

Acquires Driver's License

Roland Richards acquired his automobile driver's license when he passed a remarkably fine examination at Pendleton, the other day. The state examining officer put the lad through some strenuous tests in Pendleton traffic and he came through without a boggle.

Old Second Oregon Will Rally Sunday

Portland.—The 33d anniversary of the fall of Manila to American troops, in which the old Second Oregon took an active part, will be celebrated in Laurelhurst park Sunday, August 16, when 500 or more Oregon veterans are expected to attend the annual reunion of the noted regiment.

Mess call will be sounded at 1 p. m., when coffee and watermelon will be distributed free.

There will be a Filipino orchestra, as well as the Snaix orchestra, and drum corps of Scout Young camp No. 2 of the United States Spanish War Veterans, to furnish entertainment. Comrades of 33 years ago will join in singing tunes popular in the days of 1898, under direction of Harry V. Reed, junior vice commander of the Oregon department of Spanish War Veterans. Colonel Percy Willis, retired former major of the Second Oregon and president of reunion association, will make the address of welcome.

B. F. Irvine, editor of The Journal, will make the principal address. Judge Richard Deich will read the names of comrades who have died since the last gathering of the organization.

A Pepper and Tomato Cross Form New Hybrid

Jim Grierson of Richland, Wash., has succeeded in cross pollinating tomatoes with peppers and this year has a short row of plants bearing the new hybrid. The sample which he took to Pasco was about two inches long and about one inch in diameter. It was red in color. The walls of the fruit are like the pepper but the inside is much like a tomato. The fruit partakes of the flavor of both parents. He said he expects to name the new product "Grierson's Special."

Various people have suggested that it be called "Peptom" or "Tompep," and some are already speculating on the possibilities of crossing different varieties of peppers with different varieties of tomatoes.

Some suggested a cross between the tomato and the red hot peppers to produce hot sauce, while some thought the milder hot peppers when properly crossed might produce a special brand of catsup. The sample submitted furnished a basis for many ideas among the wags and dreamers.

Fire Near State Line

Edwin McEwen who is employed by Albert Patterson assisted in extinguishing a wheat fire near the state line last Saturday. The fire was started from the exhaust of an automobile bringing supplies to the machine and before it was under control burned about 12 acres of wheat.

Extra Feed Costs Pay

For every 1,000 pounds of increase in milk production made by cows in nine North Dakota dairy herd improvement association last year, the average increase in feed costs was about \$2.50, while the average gain in income over cost of feed per cow was about \$9.

She Was Excused

Physician said Mrs. Mildred Marston of Glendale, Cal., had only one year to live, so a district court at Portland, Me., invoked an old law and excused her from being arraigned on a charge of drunken driving.

Three I and O Society

More than a hundred former residents of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio gathered last Sunday at Columbia Park, Hermiston, and enjoyed the annual picnic of the Three I and O society. A big program and basket dinner were enjoyed.

Miners Seeking Gold in Gravel of Idaho Streams

Moscow, Idaho.—Placer gold miners are more active in Idaho this summer than for any period within the past 30 years, according to a report from Stewart Campbell, state mine inspector, who is in northern Idaho looking over mining properties.

He reports that every river, little creek in the placer districts, and other places where miners think gold is to be found they are working. Pumps can be seen operating along the upper and lower reaches of the Salmon river. Some pumps have been placed on barges along the river. Miners are searching for gold in the Stanley basin, on the south fork of the Clearwater halfway to Elk City, in the Boise basin, along the Salmon river and hundreds of other places.

There are hundreds of men at this work. Many are making a few dollars a day which is helping to relieve the unemployment situation as every miner makes one less man looking for a job.

Much of the work this summer is on ground which has been overlooked by old-timers. Few men are working on old ground. Many are beginners but are learning the placer mining game.

Mr. Campbell reports that investment companies have many scouts out this summer looking for promising properties. He reports seeing more engineers in the field than at any previous time for some years.

Was Bitten By Dog

James Huggins who operates the Shell service station at the east end of Main street was bitten by a dog belonging to a transient whose car he was filling with gasoline. The dog suddenly attacking Mr. Huggins bit through his hand, causing a painful wound.

Claim Wheat Production Is Greater Than in 1930

Corn production this year, based on the condition of the crop Aug. 1 was estimated by the department of agriculture at 2,775,201,000 bushels compared with 2,967,953,000 bushels indicated a month ago and 2,093,352,000 bushels produced last year.

The country's indicated wheat crop spring and winter combined was estimated at 893,583,000 bushels as against 869,013,000 bushels indicated a month ago and 863,450,000 bushels harvested last year.

The indicated productions of the principal crops based on their condition August 1, with the indicated production a month ago and the 1930 harvests, was:

Winter wheat, 775,000,000 bushels compared with 713,000,000 and 612,000,000.

Durum wheat, 23,000,000 bushels, compared with 32,000,000 and 57,000,000.

Other spring wheat 95,000,000 bushels, compared with 124,000,000 and 194,000,000.

Oats 1,170,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,366,000,000 and 1,358,000,000.

Flax seed 13,800,000 bushels, compared with 17,900,000 and 21,400,000.

Hay (tame) 77,600,000 tons, compared with 79,100,000 and 77,800,000.

I. O. O. F. Picnic

Trinity Lodge, No. 121 of Walla Walla has extended an invitation to members of Wild Horse Lodge No. 73 of Athena and their families to attend an Odd Fellow's picnic, to be held at Wildwood Park, Walla Walla, Sunday, August 23. All who attend are requested to bring a basket lunch, coffee, sugar, cream and ice cream will be furnished by the committee. There will be a program of speaking, kitty ball games, horseshoe pitching and races. All Odd Fellows and families are invited to attend the picnic.

Leave for Mountains

A party including Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Zerba, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre, Miss Glea Sias and Miss Genevieve Hampton of Genessee, Idaho, left Wednesday morning on a camping trip to the mountains where huckleberry picking will occupy the time of everybody.

To Take Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roseberry and Mr. and Mrs. George Sheard will leave the last of the week for a vacation trip of a fortnight by motor. They will spend a short time at Deschutes enroute to Portland where they will visit relatives, later going to Seaside.

Game Wardens Dropped

What is described as a "material reduction" will be made in the law enforcement department of the state game commission. At least seven special deputies are expected to lose their jobs, and several regular employees may be eliminated.

PORTLAND AFTER NEXT CONVENTION

Recent State Legion Meeting Marked by Harmony, No Rivalry.

Corvallis.—With the departure of the last delegates to the 13th annual American Legion convention for Oregon for their homes, a determined effort started to bring the annual national convention of the legion to Oregon and Portland in 1932. Never before in the history of the Oregon department have the leaders of the legion been so successful in maintaining harmony as at this convention.

By the election of Alex Barry of Portland to the commandship of the state order, the upstate districts expressed unqualified confidence in the ability of Portland to handle its own national convention. At all times Barry had the united support and his election was a foregone conclusion even before the first caucus was held. All the old rivalry between Portland and the rest of the state was wiped out as every delegation got behind Barry's candidacy and he received a tremendous ovation when Jack Biggs of Hermiston passed the gavel to him.

A fitting complement was extended to Eastern Oregon by the selection of Hugh Bray of LaGrande as state vice commander. Brady at first was mentioned as a possible successor to Victor MacKenzie of Salem as national executive committee member, but the office went to Sid S. George of Eugene, because of his greater experience in national affairs. George is the past department commander, under whose administration the movement was started to obtain the national convention. George attended the past three national conventions and this year was membership chairman of the state department, which went over the top in membership.

To assure complete harmony, so essential if Portland was to get the national convention, any and all resolutions of a controversial nature, were eliminated from the floor. That, perhaps, accounts for the silence that was attached to any mention of the rivalry between Roseburg and Eugene for the national soldiers' home.

This convention was honored by the attendance of many legionaries from other states, including the national commander, Ralph P. O'Neil of Topeka, Kan.

The baseball tournament was a feature of the convention and the final game, which was won by Portland, was an errorless contest and one of the best that Sowers has seen this year, he said. In all, about 10,000 attended the game.

The drum corps contest, won by Salem Post, was perhaps, the most spectacular held in Oregon. The exhibition rendered by the Salem drum corps stamped it as competent to compete with the best in the nation, according to Major Walter Bale, member of the national trophies and award committee. Bend, Portland LaGrande, Medford and Roseburg also received commendation.

The legion, at its final gathering expressed its appreciation of the manner in which the local post handled the convention under the leadership of Cy Briggs, commander of the Whitcombe Post No. 11 of Corvallis, and the state and local press were loudly applauded for their assistance in making the convention a success.

Magazine Editor Dead

R. C. McLeod, 57, retired publisher, died at Walla Walla early Monday morning after an extended illness. McLeod, a bachelor, came from Chicago where he was in the advertising business. After working on the Walla Walla Union for two years, with Edgar Smith he established the Up-to-the-Times magazine. Later Smith's interests were acquired by A. F. Alexander. Shortly after Alexander's death in 1925, he retired, selling the magazine to D. Harold McGrath. A brother and sister survive. His body will be shipped to Ontario, Canada, for interment.

To Take Motor Trip

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Woodward who have been on their ranch northwest of Adams during harvest, returned to their Walla Walla residence Sunday. The Woodwards expect to leave soon on a motor trip to Seattle.

Charles Booher Improving

Mrs. Christian of Adams will visit her father, Chas. Booher, at Spokane who recently underwent an operation having his leg amputated. Friends will be glad to hear that Mr. Booher is gaining.

School Budget Cut

College Place has cut its school budget by approximately \$5000. The reduction was made possible by a 10 per cent reduction in teachers salaries.