

LARGE AREA BURNED BY FIRE IN FOREST

Lighting Starts Conflagration Thursday Burning Over 20,000 Acres.

SITUATION IS BETTER

Flames Under Control In Most Districts and Men Are Being Relieved.

Forest fires that have been raging over thousands of acres in the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest since Thursday were well under control today, according to word from the emergency office of the service in this city. No definite check has so far been possible, but it is estimated that upwards of 20,000 acres are included in the burnt over area. Sunday 31 different fires were reported reaching as far east in the forest as Ditch creek and west to Tamarack mountain.

Yesterday it was estimated that 600 men were engaged fighting fire in the district, 300 of these being directed from Tupper ranger station, five miles northeast of Parkers Mill. Many of these men are now being laid off, a truck load of 37 men reaching Heppner this morning, with more reported to be on the way.

Some of the largest fires have been at Bull prairie, Skookum creek, Murphine slope, Wilson creek, Grassy sloop, Willow springs and Camas prairie. Several fires between Bull prairie and Tamarack mountain to the west have joined, and it was reported yesterday that fire had covered a ten-mile front in this district.

So far as is now known damage to merchantable timber has been negligible, no large stands of white or yellow pine having been consumed. Main damage has been to range and watershed, cattlemen being hit the hardest in their allotments. Contrary to some current rumors, there is no authentic report of any livestock being lost, sheep and cattle in all fire areas being moved out of danger before they were even threatened.

Eighteen fires were reported Friday, following the electrical storm of Thursday night, all thought to have been caused by grounded lightning. These spread rapidly owing to the very dry condition of the forest and the extremely low humidity Friday and Saturday. Early Sunday morning the humidity was reported at 20, being phenomenally low for the time of day during the dry season. The humidity began to rise Sunday evening, and the first ray of hope was given forest officials who were almost at a loss to cope with the situation, owing to the speed with which fires had spread. Spot fires were being caused almost incessantly from sparks flying from fires already burning.

Immediately all available local fire-fighting resources were put into operation, but these proved wholly inadequate to hold the spreading flames, and it was necessary to bring men and equipment from outside points. Men in large numbers began to arrive Saturday from Portland, Pendleton and La Grande. Along with them came rangers and officials from other districts of the Umatilla forest and other forests in the state, making up a large army of fighters, organization of which itself was a tremendous task. For a couple of days the problem of keeping supplies sufficient to furnish the camps kept officials in hot water, and the fighting machinery had not reached its real effectiveness until Tuesday.

Local people have been cooperating to the fullest extent. Wheat hauling trucks have been side-tracked to haul men and supplies, many of these and others working night and day in freighting service. Local stores also have worked night and day in getting out supplies, and the even tenor of business in the city has been greatly agitated by the conflagration.

Other fires besides those in the national forest have been reported, some on state land and some on private land. No definite information has been received on most of these. A large fire on the Hamilton ranch, owned by W. V. Pedro, had burned over 80 acres before it was put under control Tuesday. No valuable timber was destroyed, according to Mr. Pedro's report, chief damage being to range.

The airplane which arrived Sunday left this morning for Lakeview where it is to be used on fires in that vicinity. Most of the time the plane was here smoke prevented its being used to its full effectiveness. Tractors and plows have been in use since Sunday in plowing the ridges around several fires to keep them from jumping into new districts.

A paymaster arrived from the Portland office yesterday and fire fighters are being paid at the emergency office here as soon as they are taken off the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones and son Donald motored to Portland Sunday, there to join Mrs. Jeff Jones and Mrs. Ellis Henrickson, and the ladies journeyed to Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Henrickson returning to her home at San Leandro after a visit of a couple of months here. The other ladies will spend a month in the Bay section of California with relatives.

Big Demand Shown For Reporters School

The need and demand for the correspondence courses in community newswriting in Oregon as conducted by the state college extension service has spread to nearly every state in the union, says C. J. McIntosh of the college industrial journalism department who was here recently organizing the work in this county. Every eastern Oregon community but one is cooperating in the rural reporter training which will be extended here as rapidly as possible.

Reports of the success of the course have led to frequent requests for feature stories describing it. In response to the call a 5000-word report of the course has been sent to the National Printer-Journalist and a similar story is being prepared for the Country Gentleman.

The course has been given to nearly 200 students and if the editorial campaign for rural reporters succeeds as now seems likely fully 800 more will take it, Mr. McIntosh reports. Success means more and better rural community news, better service to the communities and improved rural life. The most desirable change in community news reporting is substitution of information of value and news of interest for the lean, newsless personal mention story.

Fame of the Oregon way has also spread to other state colleges leading the American Association of Agricultural College Editors to put Mr. McIntosh on the program of the annual convention at Baton Rouge, La., August 29-Sept. 1. The subject as worded by the program committee is "Country Crossroads Correspondence." Mr. McIntosh believes the plan will be put into effect in many of the states, since already the demand for it has been voiced by rural reporters.

Association Will Send Wool Representative

James Kershaw of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, and one of the best posted wool men in the west today from the standpoint of both grading and selling, is representing the association at the Oregon wool growers meeting being held at Heppner, Thursday, August 9th.

Mr. Kershaw will give a grade demonstration and general discussion of the wool marketing as carried on by the Pacific—how it is sold, graded, what to look out for in preparing the wools for market, uses to which the various grades are put, and why some wools bring more money than others.

Mr. Kershaw's wide experience in buying millions of pounds of wool in the field for big Boston houses, his work in charge of wool buying for the Cleveland Worsted Mills, and his varied experience since coming with the Pacific, makes him particularly fitted to give highly valuable and interesting information to wool growers on the preparation and marketing of their clips.

IDA ELIZABETH YOUNG.

Ida Elizabeth Young was born in Ateshinson county, Missouri, March 23, 1872, and moved with her parents to Thomas county, Kansas, in 1885, living there until the summer of 1902 when she, with her brother, Stephen A. Barlow, came to Morrow county, where she has since resided. She was married January 1, 1905, to Egbert L. Young, who survives, and the following brothers and sisters: Mary E. Horn, Seattle, Wash.; J. F. Barlow, Boardman, D. S. Barlow and Joel Barlow of Heppner, Manuel Barlow of Carnation, Wash., Susan C. Love of Colby, Kansas, May Barlow of Oakland, Calif., Minnie Schunk of Oregon City, O. B. Barlow of Portland.

Mrs. Young was a kind and loving wife, and highly esteemed as a neighbor by the people of her community. When still quite young she became a Christian and lived in harmony with her profession until her death.

SMOKER AT LEXINGTON.

Russell Wright, Morrow county fight promoter, has announced a card for Saturday night at the Lexington gymnasium. As the headliner Harold Ahalt of Ione will box Billy Irwin of Umatilla. Judge Carmichael of Lexington is matched with the Oklahoma Kid of O. A. C. in the semi-final bout. Preliminaries are Merle Cummings vs. Jim Leach, both of Lexington, and Russell Wright vs. Clarence Friend of Salem. Grover Peck vs. Emmet Kuns, two local lads, is the curtain raiser. Jimmy Emmett and his Midnight Sons, a Salem dance orchestra, will play for dancing following the smoker.

LIGHTNING STRIKES.

During the electrical storm last Thursday evening, lightning struck at the Joe Devine place out north of Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Devine were just returning home from a visit to Pendleton, and a few minutes before arriving in the barnyard the bolt struck not a great way from the barn in the pathway. The dry grass was fired, and for a time there was a pretty lively battle on to get the fire under control. The striking of the lightning was witnessed from the place of George White, and men from there and the Devine place beat the flames out with wet sacks, no serious damage being done.

Jason Biddle, lower Rhea creek rancher, was in Heppner yesterday for a few hours on business.

They Are Getting Dog-gone Tired of This Job

By Albert T. Reid



KOAC Closed Summer; New Quarters In the Fall

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 31.—KOAC, college radio, will close down today for the remainder of the summer. When broadcasting is resumed about September 15 the station will be installed in new studios having new 1000-watt transmitting equipment of latest design.

With its fall program KOAC plans a schedule in keeping with its policy of "carrying the college to the people of the state." Programs will contain a wide variety of lectures on cultural and technical subjects entertainment such as athletic contest broadcasts and programs by student musical organizations and farm service.

MORROW GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Mrs. E. S. Duran of Lexington, who has been ill at the hospital for some time following a major operation, was discharged this week and returned to her home.

Mrs. Shelly Baldwin, who has been seriously ill, is much better now and able to sit up.

Mrs. Ed Bergstrom of Eight Mile was admitted to the hospital Tuesday to undergo medical treatment. Alice Cason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cason, underwent a minor operation recently for a badly infected finger.

NEW OFFICES AT ELEVATOR.

The Heppner Farmers Elevator company is rapidly completing new quarters for their office in the east end of the warehouse above the elevator. A light, cheery and modern office in every respect will be had when the work is completed. A room has been built in the northeast corner of the warehouse, with a wide window facing the east entrance through which the trucks drive on the weighing scales, for handling the hauling business. The walls have been papered with a light-colored tint paper, and all electrical fittings and equipment to be installed are up to the minute.

W. W. Smead returned home Sunday evening from a visit to Portland to which point he accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Curtis, who were returning to their home in Marshfield after a visit at the Smead home here.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford arrived from Joseph on Wednesday afternoon and are visiting here over the week end with the Heppner relatives. Mr. Crawford, who has been editor of the Joseph Herald for the past seven years, has disposed of his paper to Lawrence Allen of Eugene, who took charge this week, and now the former editor is looking for a job, or new location. From here the Crawfords will motor to Astoria and thence to Pasco, Wa., for short visits with sisters residing at these points, and then will return to Joseph. Mr. Crawford has in contemplation the taking over of the Republican at Union, though the deal has not yet been consummated.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Broggs and daughter, Miss Opal Briggs, returned Friday evening from their vacation trip of two weeks, which took them as far north as Chewelah, Wash., where Millard French, brother of Mrs. Briggs, now resides. While they had a pleasant trip in many respects and saw much of the Inland Empire, their trip was somewhat marred by the excessively hot weather that prevailed over the Northwest at the time.

George Noble, wife and three children of Winnemucca, Nevada, and Mrs. Jennie McArthur of Oakland, California, arrived here on Friday afternoon for a visit at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mildred Noble. Frank Noble came over from Mt. Vernon, Ore., on Tuesday and with their brother, Mayor Eugene Noble of this city have been enjoying a family reunion at the home of Mother Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gemmill and children and Mrs. Emma Gemmill departed Sunday morning for Seaside. The elder Mrs. Gemmill will remain at the ocean resort with the children while Paul and his wife attend the Legion convention being held at Medford this week end.

Following the convention they expected to return to Seaside for the balance of their vacation.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lydia Virginia Ritchie was held at Ione last Friday forenoon, being largely attended by relatives and friends. Mrs. Ritchie had been a resident of Ione for many years. She was the widow of the late John H. Ritchie and at the time of her death was aged 59 years and 3 months. She is survived by three sons and four daughters.

John Williams who farms southwest of Ione was in Heppner on Tuesday for a short while. He has finished with his wheat harvest and the grain turned out many bushels to the acre better than he expected. The yields in that vicinity have been very good so far this season.

H. D. Fear and wife of Portland were visitors in this city for a short time on Tuesday, driving up from their Portland home. After spending a few hours in this county they motored to Wapato, Wash., where Mrs. Fear has a sister living, for a short visit.

W. V. Pedro reports considerable damage by fire to his range on the Hamilton ranch. Some 80 acres of range land were burned over but there was little loss of timber. He reported the fire well under control when he was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Thorn and Mrs. Thorn's mother, Mrs. Woolley, departed on Friday evening last for the Tillamook beach. They will spend two weeks vacationing at Oceanside, one of the loveliest resorts on the Oregon coast.

Manager Farnsworth announces that the Legion swimming pool will be open on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5, and should the weather be excessively warm, it will be open on Friday afternoon, also.

Beware Typhoid Carrier At Your Picnic or Social

(From State Board of Health)

Several months ago there were reported from Warrenton, Oregon, eleven cases of typhoid fever. Suspicion naturally fell upon the water and milk supplies of that city, since these substances are the most common vehicles of typhoid fever infection. The water supply was found safe. Milk was excluded as the causative agent because at least half the patients were adults who drank little or no milk, and because those who did drink milk obtained it from their own cows. There was no common supply. A careful study of the epidemic showed that all were infected approximately within the same day. Further investigation brought out the fact that about two weeks previous to the outbreak a social was held at the house of one of the patients, each guest contributing some food for the meal. All of the persons who came down with typhoid fever partook of a salad prepared by one of the woman guests. This woman was a recent arrival from Washington and was convalescing from some intestinal trouble which she stated the doctor had diagnosed as typhoid fever.

Correspondence with the Washington State Board of Health brought out the fact that this woman did have typhoid fever about six weeks previous to her arrival in Oregon. Typhoid carriers, convalescent or healthy, are practically always the sources of outbreaks of typhoid at picnics and socials, particularly where each guest contributes some dish to the general food supply. Outbreaks of so-called "ptomaine poisoning" which are frequently reported in the newspapers also have their origin in carriers, these being paratyphoid carriers. Paratyphoid germs are very closely related to typhoid germs, and are the cause of many food infections. Foods which are frequently involved in outbreaks of paratyphoid infections are milk, ice-cream, salads, and meats.

There is evidence that paratyphoid food infections may also be caused by the contamination of food by rodents. While such contamination can be very easily guarded against and prevented, avoidance of contamination by the human carrier presents a more serious problem, since such carriers can be detected only by a laboratory examination of the fecal and urinary discharges.

Personal cleanliness plays an important part in the prevention of the spread of disease. At the expense of being called squeamish or uncouth refuse to eat dainty sandwiches, tempting salads, or refreshing ice cream if you know that the person who prepared these dishes was careless in personal hygiene and sanitation. At every picnic and social the sword of Damocles is the typhoid and paratyphoid carrier.

NEARNESS OF GOD.

"God is not far from each one of us," but of us realize it enough to let our lives be guided by that fact. How near is He? How near is he to you? This theme will be discussed at the evening service at the Church of Christ. Be there for the song service at eight o'clock.

The morning theme, "Hearing the Word," is a study of the Roman letter. This service is at ten o'clock. Besides these services we also invite attendance at Bible School and Christian Endeavor at 9 a. m. and 7 p. m. respectively.

MILTON W. BOWER, Minister.

Annabel Turner has as a guest this week Marjorie Holman of Yakima, who is visiting with relatives at Ione and Heppner.

East Oregon Doctors Confer at La Grande

Dr. A. H. Johnston returned on Sunday from La Grande, where he attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical society, held there on Friday and Saturday. With twelve eminent Northwest doctors giving papers before an assemblage of nearly fifty medical men from over the state, the largest annual Eastern Oregon District Medical society meeting yet held convened at the Sacajewea hotel. Dr. Alfred H. Johnston of Heppner, president, presided at the sessions. Dr. Oger Biswell of Baker, vice-president, and Dr. J. B. Gregory of Wialowa, secretary, were present, and Dr. Lee Bauby of La Grande was chairman of the committee of welcome.

The sessions were devoted purely to discussions of problems of the medical world, and subjects were so technical that they meant little directly to the layman, but they meant much to the physician and surgeon as evidenced at the sessions where the keenest interest was manifested. One sensed in the groups of doctors a concentration of thought on problems and a whole-hearted absorption of the discussions of the particular moment. The importance of such a gathering of men versed and skilled in a foremost science that has as its purpose service to humanity is evident.

The counties embraced in the association are Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Lake, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Sherman, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

The list of distinguished speakers contained the names of Dr. Hugh Mount, president of the State Medical society; Dr. Richard Dillehunt, Dr. Ray Matson, Dr. Harold Bean, Dr. G. C. Schaeffer, Dr. Louise K. Poyntz, all of Portland, also prominent speakers from Seattle and Denver and Dr. Phy of Hot Lake.

At the business session officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Dr. John B. Gregory of Wallowa, president; Dr. John F. Brennan of Pendleton, vice-president; Dr. Lewa Wilkes, La Grande, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Thomas Higgins of Baker and Dr. W. D. McNary of Pendleton, delegates to the state convention. The next meeting place will be Wallowa lake.

The convention was brought to a close by a banquet at Sacajewea Inn for the doctors and their wives, during which there was a special program. The visiting ladies were entertained in the afternoon at a bridge luncheon and the forenoon was given to rides about the city and environs. The meeting was a pronounced success, and Dr. Johnston received much praise for the splendid program he was able to present.

Big Fire Consumes Two Sections of Range Land

A large range fire on the east branch of Sand Hollow, set by the electrical storm Thursday evening, burned over two sections of land on the Mike Kenny and W. E. Barratt & Son ranches before it was put under control. Lack of water made fighting very difficult, and after residents in the vicinity had fought it all Thursday night a call was sent in to Heppner Friday morning for help. Many responded to the call and it was in hand by Friday noon.

It is reported no wheat or grain fields were included as the entire area covered is range land. The fire was approaching the John Kenny ranch where considerable grain is grown when it was controlled.

QUAID LAND SOLD.

Mrs. Pauline Quaid spent several days here this week, coming up from her home at Portland on Monday. While here Mrs. Quaid disposed of the 3500 acres of land comprising the old Quaid homestead on Balm Fork to W. H. Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland has thus added to his holdings in the county, and as the land adjoins his Willow creek place he now has one of the best layouts of any of the sheepmen in the Heppner vicinity. Mrs. Quaid still owns considerable land here and is moving to make disposal of it all. She states that it was in 1874 when she and her late husband, Thos. Quaid located on the Balm Fork ranch, and their home was established there for a great many years previous to their going to Portland twenty years ago. The Quaid home in the city at that time was pretty well out from the business center but now it is being surrounded by big buildings and Mrs. Quaid believes the time has arrived to make sale of this property also, and she will place it on the market. Mrs. Quaid went to Pendleton today for a visit with relatives there before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Johnson and Miss Irene Johnson, all of Portland, motored to Heppner on Friday and were guests at the home of their brother, Dr. A. H. Johnston. They came up for a visit with their mother, Mrs. Arabella Johnston, who is still a patient at the home of her son and is slowly recovering from a prolonged illness.

Among the list of divorces granted in the court of Judge Morrow at Portland on Wednesday, as reported in the Oregonian, is noted the case of Josephine Schemp vs. George M. Schemp. The schempps were formerly residents of Heppner and still own some property here.

WHEAT COMES SLOW WITH HARVEST DELAY

Yields Better Than Expected and Grain is of High Quality.

Wheat movement has been slow into Heppner the past week, with the excessive heat and forest fires causing delays in the harvest fields and in hauling. Reports coming in show very few fields making less than a 15-bushel average, and the grain is of exceptionally high quality generally. Movement to market is also slow, and with the exception of some contract grain practically no shipments to the outside are being made. No grain sales are reported this week, with the market in a slump. The bid price on hard red winter at Heppner yesterday was \$1.08.

Local warehousemen expect the peak of the season's hauling in another week, which should reach in the neighborhood of 3000 sacks a day. The very hot weather experienced for several days last week caused many harvesting crews to lay off, the horses especially suffering intensely from the heat. On top of this came the forest fires, started by the electrical storm of Thursday night, which caused many wheat trucks to be commandeered for hauling men and supplies to the mountains, thus making a big slump in wheat delivery.

In all sections growers have been pleasantly surprised to find their wheat making a better yield than expected. The long dry spell during the growing season was generally thought to have cut the yield very greatly. But during much of this time the weather was cool, and this is thought to have saved the wheat to a great extent. Most of the fall sown wheat filled well, and with the exception of some soft deterioration that was nipped by a late freeze, is making a high test. Spring wheat in some sections was benefited greatly by the rains the latter part of June, but generally speaking, the spring crop is very short.

It is impossible to give anything like an exact estimate on the total county yield at the present time. However, the early reports show an average per acre yield several bushels less than last year, and the total acreage in crop being considerably less than a year ago, it is safe to say the county wheat output for 1927, but should be well above the ten-year average.

A peculiar feature of the season in Morrow county is that barley, which in some sections almost invariably makes a good yield, failed to make a crop this year, and reports say there will be no barley harvested anywhere in the county. Though the stand in many places was good, and the heads appeared to be plump and healthy, it was found when starting to cut that there were but a very few kernels in each head.

Dan Engelman Dies at The Dalles on Monday

Word was received by friends here on Tuesday of the death of Dan Engelman at a hospital in The Dalles on Monday night. He had been ill for a long time and was being cared for in the hospital, his condition being such for many months that death was expected to occur at most any moment.

Mr. Engelman was for a good many years a resident of Heppner and Morrow county and had formed many warm friendships here. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, holding his membership in an eastern city, and Robert Wightman, master of Heppner lodge of Masons, ordered a wreath of flowers as a token of esteem from the order here to be presented at the funeral which was held in The Dalles at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.

HEPPNER HOSPITAL.

Dr. McMudo was called to Lexington this morning to attend Dr. McMillan, who was suffering from food poisoning.

Homer Mankin suffered fracture of the collar bone while cranking a combine on the Ed Engleman ranch in the Ione district one day this week.

Jim Bates is suffering from a badly infected finger caused from a splinter which he picked up while at work on the Albert Bowker farm. Elsie Tucker is suffering from an infected thumb.

Mrs. Jim Stout and infant daughter returned home from the hospital Tuesday.

L. V. Gentry, who has been ill for the past week was reported in a very critical condition this morning.

Mrs. Wm. LeTrace is much improved after her recent illness and will leave the hospital shortly.

O. Michael Jones received a badly sprained ankle when thrown from a header at the W. L. Copenhaver ranch this week.

Gene Doherty is confined to the hospital, suffering an attack of appendicitis complicated by influenza.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Celebration of Holy Communion at 7:00 o'clock.
Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock.
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him."
REV. STANLEY MOORE,
Missionary in Charge.