

2000 MEN FIGHT FIRES RAGING IN INLAND EMPIRE

Great Property Loss Is Experienced in Territory Surrounding Spokane—Many Homes Are Destroyed and Mills Are Burned.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—More than 2000 men are fighting forest fires today, all of which are doing damage within a radius of 100 miles from Spokane.

Fires in the vicinity of Murray, Idaho, have swept the timber from an area four miles in width and ten miles in length, together with buildings, flumes and appliances belonging to mining companies.

The fire originated near the mouth of Bear creek and is burning toward the divide between Idaho and Bitter Root forest. All of the territory drained by Bear creek has been swept by the fire, which already has destroyed four homes, two blacksmith shops and an old sawmill belonging to the Beartop Mining company.

The upper buildings and an old boarding house of the Paragon Mining company have been destroyed by the same fire, which passed over the ridge that divides Bear Creek canyon from Paragon gulch.

For a week employees of the mining companies, together with 70 under Forest Ranger Williams, have been combatting the flames, but has been gradually increasing in intensity until the whole surrounding forest is threatened.

The fire is now burning within eight miles of Murray.

A fire at Kootsika, about 75 miles from the Montana-Idaho line, and 60 miles east of Lewiston, is doing great damage. Last night the fire could be seen for miles and the surrounding country was as light as day.

Aid has been secured from Kootsika and Stiles and a hard fight is being made to control the flames.

The forest fire on Pine creek, near Wardner, Idaho, has gained headway for the last three days and now has a front of about ten miles, extending from the west and south forks to a point east of the Nabob mine, on the crest of the divide between Pine creek and the Coeur d'Alene river.

Almost numberless smaller fires are reported throughout Montana and Idaho.

EYESIGHT RESTORED BY MARVELOUS OPERATION

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 6.—Blind from childhood, a woman patient at the Medico-Chirurgical hospital has had her eyesight restored as the result of an unusual operation performed by Dr. Webster L. Fox, who replaced the atrophied cornea of the woman's eye with a transparent one from the eye of a man. It is believed that she soon will be able to see distinctly.

The man from whose eye the transparent cornea was taken lost his sight from an accident to the optic nerve. The cornea was unaffected. Dr. Cox removed the useless cornea from the woman's eye and put the living one in its place. It is the first time on record that the operation has been successfully performed.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT BRINGS \$25 AT SALE

The case of Glen Fabrick vs. Mrs. Laura Gardner, to recover money, was ended today by the sale at sheriff's sale of a certificate of deposit made out in Mrs. Gardner's name, and which was attached by the plaintiff and placed in the hands of the sheriff.

May 27 the court ordered final judgment and the sale of the property of the defendant. The only property in sight was the certificate aforesaid, and that was, as a consequence, offered for sale.

Only one bidder, O. C. Boggs, attorney for the plaintiff, appeared, and bid in the certificate, amounting to \$200, for \$25.

The claim of Fabrick against Mrs. Gardner and the costs amounted to \$243.50. It's up to the plaintiff now to get the money from the bank.

Instead of making an occasional sale of a particular article carried in stock, do some special advertising and make a run on it.

Haskins for Health.

WRECK CAUSED BY SHIPS PILOT

Steamer Reaches Juneau With Passengers From Princess May—Steersman Admits Responsibility for Wreck, But Refuses to Explain

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 6.—The steamer Georgia reached port at midnight with the remaining passengers and crew of the wrecked Princess May. A few were brought earlier in the evening. No one received so much a scratch.

Pilot Richardson declared today to a correspondent of the United Press that he was responsible for the wreck, but refused to offer any explanations. The steamer was far out of her course when she struck. Photographs at low tide show the entire hull.

Traveling at 12 knots an hour, the ship hit with terrific force and was driven high on the reef. Shipping men believe she can be saved.

The passengers were all quartered in local hotels. The steamer Beatrice due here tomorrow night has been ordered to take them south.

Laurier Hurt Railroad Wreck

Premier of Canada Cut About Hands and Face by Broken Glass When His Train Collided With Heavy Freight Train.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 6.—In a head-on collision near Pense, Saskatchewan, late last night, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, who is making a tour of Canada, was slightly injured about the legs and his hands and face were cut by broken glass. The fireman of the train was killed. The train was on the way to Battleford and was taken back to Moosejaw with the dead fireman and injured premier. It is not thought the premier's injuries are such as to interfere with his tour.

A dispatch from Regina says that Premier Laurier's special train was going 50 miles an hour when it collided with a freight. The engines of both trains were telescoped and a baggage car and five freight cars were derailed.

The premier was thrown to the floor. George P. Graham, in the premier's car, sustained a wrenched knee, but sprang to the aid of Sir Wilfrid.

Fireman Kemp of the special was buried in the wreckage of his engine. O. Temple, a reporter in the press car, sustained internal injuries, and the conductor of the special received a broken rib. The cause of the accident is unknown.

KILLED SELF INSTEAD OF WOLF WITH FIRE FUMES

WELLINGTON, Wash., Aug. 6.—J. O. Jamieson, a rancher living in the mountains near here, tried to smoke a coyote out of its hole, and is dead today. Jamieson crawled into the wolf's den and lighted a mixture, the fumes of which he expected would drive the animal out. But before he could crawl out again he was overcome himself and by the time the accident was discovered by neighbors Jamieson was dead.

FREE SWIMS OFFERED AT THE NATATORIUM

On Monday night the Natatorium management will give a free swim to every tenth applicant. In other words, every ticket ending in zero will be complimentary.

On Wednesday night there will be an "obstacle" race, consisting of hurdles, flying rings, etc., for a prize of a ticket good for ten free swims. After the race there will be the regular Wednesday night dance. The regular ladies' days, Tuesday and Thursday, and in all probability the dance Saturday night will be held in the big hall.

MRS. BOWEN'S BODY HAS BEEN RECOVERED

GLENBROOK, Nev., Aug. 6.—Floating six miles off shore, the body of Mrs. Bowen of Seattle, who was drowned in Lake Tahoe after a mysterious disappearance, has been recovered. It is not known how the woman was thrown into the water, but from the condition of the boat in which she had been rowing and which was found near the shore, it is believed she lost her balance when the boat almost overturned.

FINE PIANOS

AT MIGHTY SMALL PRICES

Only One Week More to Secure Your Choice of Highest Guaranteed Pianos at Unheard of Prices

Every home in Medford and vicinity may now own a piano, whether it be a brand new piano or one which is slightly used. The past week has broken all records in piano selling in Medford. We have taken in exchange on Player Pianos several good instruments, most of them in excellent condition, which must be disposed of in the next few days.

EILER'S PIANO HOUSE

is noted for always furnishing the most for the money; "the very best of everything at the price that's right" has been the watchword here always, but our word for it, pianos—good ones—dependable ones—the kind that every-one loves and cherishes, were never heretofore obtainable at such low prices, and what is more, never heretofore could a piano be obtained on such wonderfully little payments.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BUYING OF EILERS MUSIC HOUSE

We will sell nothing that we know is not right. When we sell to you it is with the knowledge and belief that, if we satisfy you, you will influence your friends to deal with us.

We have utilized every modern economy in order that we might give better value and better satisfaction to our patrons. Buying and shipping in tremendous quantities; factory inspection of pianos by our expert representatives; a binding guarantee with every piano sold; a corps of expert tuners and regulators—all these have contributed toward making the big following we now have and making our business what it is.

As the piano purchaser knows that advantages in buying from the Eilers Music House, so the manufacturer realizes the advantage in selling through Eilers Stores. No three piano stores in any large city combined can offer the piano purchaser more variety in pianos than we do.

From America's oldest and supreme—the grand old Chickering—to the genuine Autopiano—the latest creation—there is scarcely a name, well and favorably known to the piano trade, that does not find representation in the Eilers Stores. The Kimball, the Lester, the Smith & Barnes, the Leland, the Hazelton, the Decker, the Schumann, the Hobart M. Cable, the Hallet & Davis, the Marshall & Wendell, the Story & Clark—all these and many others are significant of piano excellence.

NOTICE TO CHECK HOLDERS

Some people who have won cash credits in our recent advertising campaign may wonder how it is possible for the manufacturers to give an actual cash credit on the purchase of a piano.

We want you to know why it is possible and how in the end it is going to be profitable to the manufacturers, the Eilers Music House and yourself.

In every large business now-a-days advertising is an important feature. Few people buy more than one piano in a lifetime. It is therefore necessary for the piano manufacturers and dealers to continually find new customers.

Some try to accomplish this by magazine advertisements, which in some magazines cost as much as \$1000 a page. Others spend big sums of money in newspaper advertising. A number of manufacturers pay large sums of money to great foreign artists, such as Paderewski, to play their pianos in public, hoping in this way to interest piano buyers. Others spend vast sums in billboard advertising, theater curtains, programs, etc., etc. Most dealers pay commissions to music teachers and others in order to get their influence. Did it ever occur to you that all this expense adds not one cent in value to the piano itself?

The manufacturers who are interested in this publicity campaign believe that the best advertising they can do is to place their pianos in homes in different portions of the state, where they will be played and heard, and seen. They believe that it is much fairer and better to take the money that ordinarily goes for this expensive advertising and give it to a limited number of piano buyers, each one of whom will advertise these pianos in their different localities. These pianos so placed will interest the friends and neighbors of the purchasers and create more piano buyers. That in turn enables Eilers Music House to buy more pianos from the factories.

The manufacturers interested in this contest firmly believe in this method of advertising. Every satisfied customer becomes an advertiser for the piano for years and years.

That is good business. It is good sense. And the money that usually goes to subsidize great artists, to buy extravagant newspaper and magazine advertising, and to pay commissions, goes into the pocket, where it belongs.

This explains why the prices of the pianos are identically the same, whether you have a credit check or not, whether you buy for cash or on time.

DON'T FAIL TO CALL TOMORROW.

EILER'S MUSIC HOUSE

LOCATED WITH WEEKS & MCGOWAN FURNITURE STORE, MEDFORD, OREGON.

RAILROAD MEN WANT THEIR FRIENDS RELEASED

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 6.—Appealed to by four of its members, who are in prison at Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, and denied release on bail, the Order of Railroad Conductors today asked the Washington government to intervene in behalf of the imprisoned railroad men. No formal charges have been lodged against the four imprisoned conductors.

The Mexicans hold them upon the broad ground of violation of the railroad regulations.

"Put money in thy purse" by selling—through a "for sale" ad—some of the too-many things you own.

HOO HOOS TO MEET AT SEASIDE SATURDAY

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 6.—The Northern Oregon district Hoo Hoos will hold a concatenation at Seaside Saturday night, August 13. There promises to be a large attendance, as a number of kittens will have their eyes opened and there will be many older members on hand to see that the work is accomplished properly.

G. A. Griswold, vice-gerent snark of the Northern Oregon district, is in charge of the affair. Special cars will be attached to the Astoria & Columbia River train from Portland and at Seaside there will also be special accommodations for the visiting members of the mystic brotherhood and the concatenation promises to be a great success.

Elegant Display of ORIENTAL RUGS

MR. HADDAD will be at the Medford Furniture Co. for a few days and will display the finest assortment of ORIENTAL RUGS ever shown on the Pacific coast. The ladies and people of Medford are invited to call and examine these beautiful Rugs.

This is an opportunity you will probably not have again for years. Be on hand Monday and see the complete assortment.

Medford Furniture Co.

An OXFORD Sale Now On

We have a choice assortment of lace and button Oxfords in patent, kid, or vicci kid and gunmetal, which we place on sale at actual cost to us. They are this year's goods and not a lot of leftovers from past seasons. A look will convince you. You have seldom seen such bargains.

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