

# SMITH TO SELL OREGON TIMBER

Displeased by Publicity Connected With Investigation of Land Matters Minnesota Timber King Will Leave the State.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—That C. A. Smith, the Minnesota multi-millionaire timber operator, is about to make good his threat to retire from the Oregon field became known by the announcement that he is closing a sale of his interests for the purchase price of \$6,000,000. The names of the purchasers have not been divulged.

The sale contemplates the transfer of title to approximately 100,000 acres of the choicest red fir holdings of Coos, Douglas, Linn and Lane counties. All but 7500 acres of the land carry a clear title, having been in the most part secured through the use of land script. The tract to which title is not clear at this time is composed of the claims in Linn county which have been attacked by United States District Attorney John McCourt, the case being now in the hands of Judge Robert S. Bean, for decision.

**Publicity Is Distasteful.**  
It was the distasteful publicity connected with the trial of that case and the investigations of other land matters which special agents of the land office believed he had illegally acquired that caused the Minneapolis lumber manufacturer to contemplate disposing of everything he owned in Oregon.

C. A. Smith has been known as the largest individual owner of Oregon timber lands, aside from the holdings of Frederick Weyerhaeuser. He is the principal owner of the C. A. Smith Lumber company, the Smith-Powers Logging company and the Linn & Lane Timber company. His properties are largely in Coos county. Outside of Coos, Mr. Smith has title to 43,000 acres in timber land.

On Coos bay the C. A. Smith Lumber company has recently completed one of the largest sawmill plants in the world, its equipment being thoroughly modern. Through the operations of the Smith-Powers Logging company it is said that timber can be placed in the mills with greater ease and at less cost than at any other plant on the coast.

# WITH INCREASED FURY FIRES RAGE

Troops Endeavoring to Check Flames but With Little Success—Situation Worst in Island Empire History.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 15.—Two companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry from Fort George Wright, Spokane, reached Wallace early today. One of them remained here and the other was sent into the St. Joe district to assist in extinguishing the fires that have threatened the Coeur d'Alene national forest with destruction for the past two weeks.

Word reaching here late last night stated that the fires in the St. Joe district have been fanned to redoubled fury by high winds and that it is feared that nothing but a drenching rain can check them.

According to late advices, the forest fire situation in the Elk City district, near Stiles, is the worst in the history of that region. The whole country in the vicinity of Elk City is ablaze.

Two persons, Joseph Burzinsky and wife, are reported missing on the Big creek of the St. Joe river. Many settlers were driven from their homes, among them being the Burzinskys. As their ranch house was the first to go and they have not been seen since the fire swept away their home, it is feared that they perished in the flames.

Five homes and three timber claims have been destroyed by the fire adjacent to the Big creek.

At Wallace, Idaho, hundreds of pounds of dynamite, hung from the limbs of trees on the high points surrounding the city, exploded yesterday in the hope that the effect might cause rain to check the fires. It is said to have produced the desired result, as a heavy rain began to fall at midnight.

Other fires in the district are still burning, but are believed to be confined to the district already burned over.

# ROADS GROWING

Judge Webster Returns to Portland With Word That Great Interest Is Being Taken in Better Roads and Improvements.

"The spirit of the good roads movement is growing in a large way throughout the state, and the people are beginning to realize that one of the most important questions in Oregon today is the building of better public highways."

Which is the belief of Judge Lionel R. Webster, who has just returned from a trip to the eastern part of the state, says the Oregonian. In Grant county, particularly, the people have taken up the work with enthusiasm and are going to spend large sums, says Mr. Webster, in practical road construction. In discussing the subjects of roads and general conditions in the state, Mr. Webster said:

"In the progress of our state I find that one of the greatest factors is the easy access from one point to another in the country districts, and this is only attainable by the construction of practical roads. The subject deserves and demands the earnest and unprejudiced consideration of every person who has the interests of the state at heart.

**Best People Attracted.**  
"It is a part of the history of highway improvement in all countries that the building of better roads brings into the community served by them new people and the very best and most desirable class of people, who buy up the unoccupied land and build for themselves homes where before were but half cultivated fields. This would be especially true of our state, where the rich soil of our beautiful valleys demands small holdings and intense cultivation to a variety of products.

"Such addition to the material and social value of our state will come only after these roads have been constructed, and it is but fair and just that those who come should assist in paying for these highways.

"As a practical matter in the use of the public roads, distance is not to be computed in miles, but rather in time. The question is not how far a man may travel to reach his destination, but how long does it take him to get there.

**Amendment Is Favored.**  
"To my mind, the adoption of the proposed amendment to the state constitution will open the way towards the practical building of state and county roads. This amendment consists of granting to the people of each county the power to pledge the credit of the respective counties to provide money with which to build permanent public roads. It is calculated to give additional power to the people. It leaves the matter optional with the people of each county whether or not the use of its credit towards the upbuilding of its highways. The question of raising funds is also left to the people's will. For instance, if there be prejudice against bond issues, county warrants could be issued, or any other method the people may want to use in securing road funds.

"One feature that is practically pleasing is the interest and help being given us in our efforts for better roads by the good roads branch of the department of agriculture. Through this aid, we are endeavoring to secure statistics of the state with special reference to the state and county roads, number of miles of macadam and all information that will with exactness and clearness show the present condition in Oregon.

**Convicts Should Be Employed.**  
"I am heartily in favor of employing convicts of the state penitentiary, as well as county prisoners on the county roads. I believe such employment is a splendid investment for both state and county government and at the same time it proves most beneficial to the prisoners. A bill will be presented to the legislature for the employment of convict labor on the public highways. An amendment to the present state law governing the employment of county prisoners, will also be presented. This amendment will have for its purpose to give one county the privilege to draw on another county for prisoners for road work.

"I am most hopeful that the people of the state and our legislative body will look up the good roads movement with strong approval and decide without delay upon a course of upbuilding our state by a system of permanent public highways which will endure for ages."

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# ARE FREE MEN

Defenders of Traction Magnate Complete Their Sentences for Contempt—Estimated Cost to Calhoun Is \$1,321.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—After five days of "durance vile" in the county jail, serving the sentence imposed upon them by Judge Lawlor for contempt of court, Attorneys A. A. Moore, Stanley Moore and J. J. Barnett again are free men. The expense to Patrick Calhoun, the lawyers' client, of their sojourn behind the bars is estimated at \$1,321.

The prison doors swung back at midnight and three defenders of the traction magnate stepped out to waiting motors, crowded with friends. They had no complaint to make of their treatment during their enforced detention, but at the same time they manifested no sorrow at leaving their headquarters.

**Will Try Given Channel.**  
LONDON, Aug. 15.—Charles B. Dunbarrow of Philadelphia has been engaged by several British sporting men to attempt to swim the English channel during the next few months. Dunbarrow will start from Dover and will be accompanied by several tenders.

Dunbarrow is holder of the long distance record, having recently swam 32 miles without a rest and against a strong current part of the distance. He uses the trudgeon stroke and oils his body before entering the water.

# DANGER POINT

Bulletin Issued States That Physicians Expect Their Patient to Recover—Passes Good Night and Is in Excellent Condition.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 15.—Mayor Gaynor passed a good night. His condition this morning is satisfactory. He is now said to be out of danger.

The following bulletin was issued today, signed by Drs. Arlitz and Sowdetz:  
"The condition of New York's wounded mayor this morning is excellent. We confidently expect the patient to recover."

**Tax Delegates Chosen.**  
SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—Appointments of delegates to the Fourth International Conference on state and local taxation, to be held under the auspices of the International Tax Association, were named for Oregon and announced at the executive offices today. State Tax Commissioner Charles V. Galloway, and J. B. Eaton, of McMinnville and Union respectively, and Fred W. Mulkey, of Portland, ex-United States Senator, are the selections and it is understood they will all of them attend. The association meeting will be at Milwaukee, Wis., from August 30 to September 2.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Margaret Emerson McKim, daughter of the "bromo seltzer king," who was granted a divorce from her husband, Smith Hollis McKim, Saturday, in Reno, arrived in San Francisco today, closely escorted by Ray Baker, club and society man of Reno and Oakland.  
Baker is now a Nevada mining man, whose home is in Oakland. His brother is a son-in-law of Senator George W. Perkins. Baker was formerly deputy county clerk of Alameda county.

Hope springs eternal in the breast of the prizefight promoter. Tex Rickard says Jeff will fight Johnson again. But the sporting fraternity emits a grunt that sounds like "Not if we can help it."

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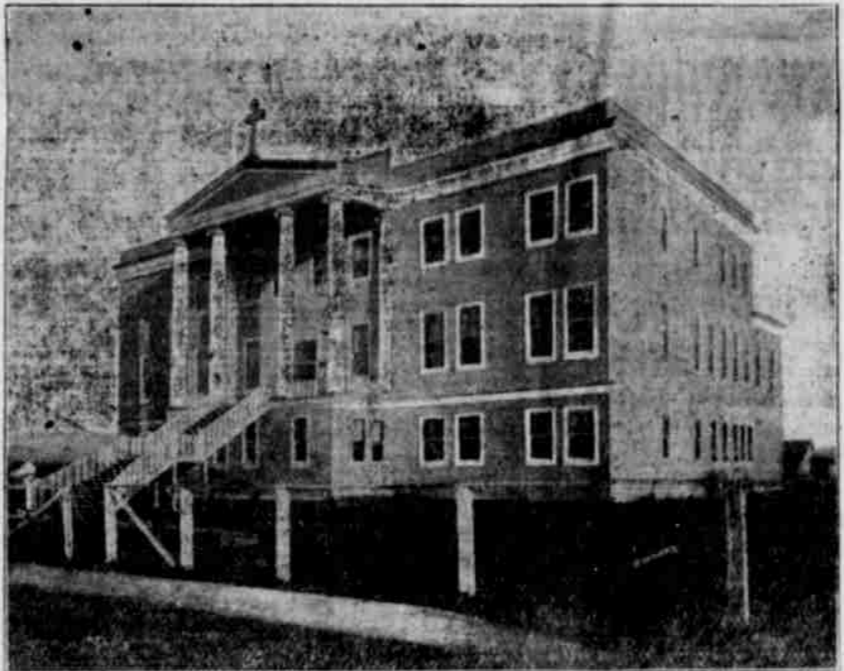
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