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GREAT FOREST FIRE RAGING NEAR BASE MT. M'LOUGHLIN

RANGERS MAY NEED SOLDIERS TO FIGHT FIRE

Flames on Ashland Divide Still Rage Unchecked Despite Efforts of 100 Men—Fire at Mosquito Swamp Worst in Local Office's Experience

With forest fires raging on the Ashland divide, which 100 desperately fighting men have been unable to control as yet and with 1000 acres burned over near Mosquito swamp and the fire still unchecked despite the efforts of the rangers it may be that troops will be that troops will be called to check the flames. The fires are spreading rapidly and if a change does not come soon it is not unlikely that troops will be requested.

The local office still believes that they have the situation where it can be controlled but if it spreads much further then, may be forced to ask aid.

The fires back of Ashland continue to burn today and the force fighting the flames has been increased. This fire has not yet reached government timber but is approaching it.

The situation near the base of Mt. McLaughlin is the one that is giving the forestry boys trouble. So far it is raging unchecked.

The local field division of the forestry department is having the time of its life controlling the numerous fires springing up in all directions.

Some of them are being brought under control but about the time the tired ranger or assistant figures on resting himself after from 48 to 60 hours battling with the flames he is called to a fire, most likely in the other end of his district and repeats the performance.

The principal fires are about the base of Mt. McLaughlin. The fires about Mosquito Swamp and Four-Bit creek, are still raging, and a new one, on the divide between Fish Lake and Lake O' the Woods, on the line of the canal being built by the Rogue River Canal company, was reported by Ranger Wright last night.

Supervisor Erickson had left Wright at Lake of the Woods that morning, making for Four-Mile and Four-Bit ford on foot, as their horses had escaped during the night. Acting Supervisor Swenning expects to hear from Mr. Erickson by phone from Mosquito Swamp this afternoon and have more data on the fire, which is one of the largest in the history of the local forestry department.

Over 1000 acres have already been burned over.

Forest Clerk Shannon left Wednesday afternoon to investigate the Wagner and Coleman creek fires.

MULKEY BACK: MUCH PLEASED

B. F. Mulkey, insurgent candidate for congress in this district, has returned from a trip north and states that he is much pleased with the reception accorded him in the districts north.

"Everywhere I received assurances of support," states Mr. Mulkey. "Insurgency has many friends in Oregon—men who oppose machine ruled politics."

Mr. Mulkey leaves soon for Coos Bay to meet his friends in that section.

Frank Reihl broke a hundred straight in practice shoot last year and next day had lost his eye. Tuesday he broke 49 out of 50 in practice. "The hoodoo is gone," said an admiring shooter. "If he had broken those 50 straight it would have been the same as last year."

WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOLK

UP TO WORTMAN TO GET TANK DOWN

It's now up to Harry G. Wortman, councilman from the Second ward, to see that the old water tower, which has stood for years and served the city as a water supply, is wrecked. His fellow councilmen put it unreservedly in his hands last night and told him to go after it.

And he's going.

Today he is looking for a man who will undertake the job. The city dads figure that the material and tanks in the top of the tower will be worth the work of carrying them away. They were therefore somewhat jolted last night, when they opened bids and found that Shasta and Ament wanted \$500 for the job while Fitz and Grace offered to do it for \$237.50. Both bids were rejected. Then Wortman was given the job.

As a matter of fact, the old tower is worth hauling away for the material and probably Mr. Wortman will have no trouble in getting a man to do it.

COUNCIL TO MEET CLARK

City Dads Will Meet at 5 o'clock This Afternoon.

The city council will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock with W. R. Clark, senior member of the Clark & Henry Construction company, for the purpose of arranging the paving program.

It appears at this time that the company will be unable to complete paving this season, but much of it will be held over until next season. It is for the purpose of choosing the next streets to work upon that the meeting this afternoon was called.

MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Council Considers Much Business, Important but of Routine Nature.

Much business of a purely routine nature was considered by the city council last evening.

The Home Telephone company was given back their check of \$1000 deposited to guarantee \$2500 worth of work in six months, their contract

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PAR PAID FOR MEDFORD BONDS

Bids were poned by the city council at their regular meeting Tuesday night for \$32,750 West Main City improvement bonds. The bonds were awarded the German-American Trust company of Chicago, who bid par and accrued interest.

Other bids were received, but this was considered the best. It seems that the city's credit is excellent for the state of the bond market is anything but satisfactory, yet local bonds are in demand.

The bonds were a portion of an issue for the paving of West Main by the Warren Construction company.

MUCH BUILDING EVIDENT

Several Buildings Come Before City Council for Permits.

Testifying to the Large amount of building going on in Medford at the present time, the city council was forced to devote considerable of its time to the consideration of plans for new buildings at its meeting on Tuesday evening.

The Hoel Medford plans were discussed by the city dads and approved. The necessary permit for its erection was granted.

The Medford National bank applied for a permit to erect an addition to their present building and had the request granted.

That the Southern Pacific depot is soon to be moved is testified to by the fact that the company applied at last night's meeting for permission to move it two blocks south. The permission was granted.

NEW SEWER DISTRICT.

City Engineer Instructed to Prepare Map of Sixth Street.

Work is to start in the immediate future upon the laying of a storm sewer on Sixth street from Riverside to Ivy street. The city engineer was instructed last evening to prepare a map of the sewer district.

The new storm sewer is to be laid deep enough to drain any basements which may be constructed on that street and will be large enough to carry off all storm water.

AMENT CASE IS FINALLY AT AN END

Over Four Thousand Typewritten Pages of Testimony Taken—More Than 200 Instruments Introduced in Evidence—Consumed More Time Than Any Case Ever Heard in Southern Oregon

The case brought by the Chicago stockholders of the Golden Drift Mining company of Grants Pass against the Ament family, who were in control of the corporation, has just been concluded at Grants Pass after continued sessions which began on the sixth day of June.

This case consumed more time than any other case ever tried in the district, not excepting the famous railroad tax case against Jackson county.

The record when typewritten will cover more than four thousand pages, and the expense of transcribing will exceed \$300.

More than two thousand instruments were introduced in evidence as exhibits. This is in addition to the depositions of one hundred and twenty-five stockholders now being taken in the east.

A Stock Deal.

From the evidence in the case it would appear that C. W. Ament caused the Golden Drift Mining company to be organized purely to reap a harvest for himself and associates from the sale of the stock, for it has been shown that almost immediately after the organization of the corporation and before it had any earning capacity, he caused dividends of one per cent per month to be paid on the stock sold. This stimulated stock sales so that approximately seven hundred people invested their money in this corporation. When the stock sales quit the company quit paying dividends and this finally resulted in an effort by the stock holders to investigate the corporation.

Stockholders Organize.

They organized into an association and appointed an executive committee, who sent George E. Sanders to Grants Pass purely for investigation, and without any knowledge upon their part that the transaction was other than straight.

An investigation resulted in an application for a receiver, and a receiver was appointed and directed to take immediate charge of the property and of the books and records of the corporation. Experts were put to work on the books, investigating the accounts and stock sales and the various transactions, and the result of this investigation was disclosed in the latter part of the testimony which has just been concluded.

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INSURGENTS SEND CALIFORNIA RAILROAD MACHINE INTO DITCH

President Montt of Chile Dead Shooting of Caynor Hurried End



PRESIDENT MONTT AND EXECUTIVE MANSION

BREMEN, Aug. 17.—Senor Pedro Montt, president of the republic of Chile, lies dead in his hotel here, having been stricken by heart failure, superinduced by the shock of witnessing the Caynor shooting at Hoboken. He had been troubled with angina pectoris previously, but not severely, fatal complications arising only after the excitement following the attempted assassination of New York's mayor.

Senor Montt was elected to the Chilean presidency in 1906 for five years' term. His policies have been popular in his country, where he has

always stood high as a member of the bar since his admission to it in 1868.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 17.—News of the death of President Montt at Bremen has cast a gloom over the Chilean capital, where the executive was without an enemy. Elias Hernandez, vice-president of the republic, has temporarily taken Montt's seat and probably will be elected to succeed him.

Montt's death will not result in financial or other depression, according to Henry P. Fletcher, American minister to Chile.

DAHLMAN LEADS IN NEBRASKA

Incomplete Returns Give Cowboy Mayor of Omaha Big Lead Over His Opponent Schallenberger—Thousands of farmers Kept From Polls by Heavy Rain Storm.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 17.—Mayor John Dahlman of Omaha defeated Governor Schallenberger for the democratic nomination for governor in yesterday's primaries, according to incomplete returns received today.

The republicans nominated Aldrich for governor over Cady. Senator Burkett was endorsed over Whedon by the republicans, and Hitchcock over Metcalf, the Bryan candidate, by the democrats. Final returns will probably not be in before tomorrow.

Dahlman, an "insurgent democrat," carried his home county (Douglas) by 4,000 outtracing Schallenberger in most of the other larger cities and towns as well. Lincoln and Lancaster county gave Dahlman a majority in spite of the report that Dahlman wanted to take the capital from Lincoln because the city had twice gone "dry."

Schallenberger does not give up the

contest and is relying on the results from the rural districts to reverse the showing.

Heavy thunder storms yesterday prevented thousands of farmers from going to the polls and kept down the Schallenberger vote.

Dahlman was distinctly an anti-Bryan candidate and it is believed many democrats voted for him as a protest against Bryan's injection of the county option question into the democratic politics in the state. Congressman Hitchcock, who received the democratic endorsement for United States senator, is running as well as Dahlman.

Senator Burkett received only a small plurality in the rural districts. William Hayward, secretary of the republican national committee, was nominated for congress in the fifth district by an overwhelming majority.

FAIR PROGRESS SOIL SURVEY

Fair progress is reported by the experts in charge of the work of making a soil survey of Jackson county and a larger crew is now being engaged to expedite the survey throughout this section before the wet season sets in. Several localities have already received attention, but the job is proving to be a greater one than was realized, owing to the topography of the country, there being so many slopes, pockets, etc., encountered in the survey, all of which have to be taken into consideration in order that the work may be conscientiously and systematically done.

The work is in charge of Messrs. Lapham and Strahorn. Mr. Strahorn is the assistant in charge of actual operations, while Mr. Lapham is acting as advisory member of the experts having the undertaking

THINKS ASSEMBLY MEN WILL LOSE

That the assembly candidates will be defeated in Multnomah county and over the state is the view advanced by George E. Chamberlain, United States senator, who arrived in Medford Tuesday afternoon on a short business trip. Senator Chamberlain states, however, that he is not as familiar with outside districts as with Multnomah, as he hasn't been home long enough to get in touch with the situation.

Senator Chamberlain is very much gratified by the spread of interest over the United States in what is known as the "Oregon plan." Everywhere a great sentiment, he says, is springing up in favor of the direct primary.

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JOHNSON WINS OVER CURRY BY 27,000 VOTES

Three Republican Insurgents Named As Candidates For Congress—Senatorship Vote Is Close—Theodore A. Bell Is Nominee of Democrats

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Hiram Johnson, progressive republican, Lincoln-Roosevelt leader, and avowed insurgent, set the semaphore signals that sent the so-called "railroad machine" into the ditch in yesterday's primary. Today's added returns show that Johnson and his insurgent colleagues have swept practically everything before them in the first primary in California. It is estimated that Johnson received 70,000 votes throughout the state to Charles F. Curry's 43,000. Aiden Anderson, open champion of the "machine," polled something like 25,000 votes. The weak showing of the Southern Pacific candidate was one of the surprises of the voting.

It was a landslide. The landslide of Johnson votes is believed to have demoralized "the organization." The machine men were confident that Anderson would carry every city and would receive the support of machine factions throughout the state. The size of the Johnson vote surprised them.

The organization's forces in reality were divided by the presence of Curry in the field, according to the leaders. Curry, as secretary of state, always was a machine man, and, although running on his own initiative, he polled a higher vote than Anderson, who bore the standard of the Espee. The voters, freed from restraint of slated conventions, refuted the system under which California has previously existed, and directed the machine to the scrap heap politically.

A Solid Front.

Johnson presented a solid front, and even the candidacy of Philip A. Stanton, designed, as some believe, to split the vote in southern California, was of little account in the totals. Stanton's vote could have gone to either Curry or Anderson without affecting Johnson's triumph.

The other gubernatorial candidate.

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CAR SCARCITY IS EXPECTED

Warning Sent Out by American Railway Association Warning Roads to do Everything in Their Power to Prevent Trouble in Fall

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—While many railroad officials individually are pleading poverty as an excuse for advancing freight rates, the volume of traffic throughout the country, as indicated by the demand for freight cars, is increasing so rapidly that the American Railway association has issued a warning, urging the roads to do everything in their power to prevent a car scarcity this fall.

The warning is being circulated through the medium of the fortnightly bulletin of the committee on relations between railways of the association, sent out by Arthur Hale, chairman. This shows a decrease of 25,000 in the number of surplus freight cars in the United States since the previous report, reducing the total to 105,564, and nearly 100,000 below the figures of a year ago.

The beginning of the wheat movement is said to be responsible for the quickened demand for box cars.