

TROOPS HERE TONIGHT TO FIGHT FIRES

SIX ADDITIONAL FIRES ARE REPORTED HEAD LITTLE BUTTE

FORTY MEN ARE ENDEAVORING TO CHECK FLAMES

Over 300 Acres Have Been Burned Over and Timber Loss Is Heavy—Water Shed of Little Butte May Be Seriously Damaged by Fire

Forty men under the direction of Supervisor J. L. Erickson of the Crater national forest are desperately fighting today to check the forest fires which are raging about the base of Mt. McLoughlin, about 35 miles east of this city. They are meeting with little success, however.

The greatest damage wrought by the fire will not be the loss of the timber, which is very heavy in this section, but it is feared that it will seriously damage Medford's water supply, as the flames are raging in the watershed of Little Butte creek from which this city takes its water.

Six additional fires were reported this morning to have broken out in addition to the four burning in that section since the first of the week.

The Rogue River Canal company has placed its crew of men at Fish Lake at the disposal of Supervisor Erickson.

The loss cannot at this time be estimated, but it is believed that it will be heavy, as the flames are in some of the heaviest timber in that section.

Seeing that the fires promised to do tremendous damage, the local rangers last evening communicated with the Portland forestry bureau appealing for aid and a call for the assistance of troops was immediately forwarded to American Lake, where it met with prompt response.

Owing to the number and position of fires, the troops will be compelled to organize into small parties when they begin their battle against the fires.

STOCKMEN ARE AFTER RUSTLERS

Large Posses of Silver Lake Country Pursuing Gang of Alleged Cattle Thieves—25 Mules Disappear and Ranchmen Are Angry.

BEND, Or., Aug. 18.—A large posse of stockmen of the Silver Lake country are pursuing a gang of alleged cattle and horse rustlers, according to information received here today. Recently two horse thieves were run to earth by the ranchmen, and one of the rustlers shot to death.

The posse was organized following the disappearance of 25 mules from the Lane ranch. Cowboys were put on the trail, which led southward. The tracks of the animals indicated that they were being driven toward the California boundary at top speed. The rustlers had a two days' start over the posse, but it is believed the ranchmen will overtake them.

For the past three months rustlers have been active in the district and stockmen have lost several bands of cattle and horses.

An effective want ad makes your business plan effective.

TWO COMPANIES FIRST INFANTRY ORDERED HERE

Will Be Taken Out as Soon as Possible to Scene of Big Fire on Little Butte—108 Men and Three Officers Are Coming

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Greatly alarmed over the forest fire situation in Oregon, officials of the department of the interior are responsible for the ordering of another battalion of infantry to the Oregon fire front. This is in addition to the two companies of federal troops already sent from American Lake to Medford. The soldiers are doing effective work in fighting the conflagrations.

AMERICAN LAKE, Wash., Aug. 18.—Companies E and M of the First infantry, comprising three officers and 108 men, left American Lake early today for the Crater Lake national forest in southern Oregon to fight the forest fires which are raging in that district.

George H. Ceell, assistant forester at Portland, telegraphed for troops last night, and Brigadier General Maus, commanding the maneuvers, immediately ordered two companies out for duty.

It is expected that the troops will reach Medford, Or., late this afternoon or evening.

Assistant Supervisor Swenning of the Crater national forest is today at work making arrangements to get the troops to the scene of the fire on the watershed of Little Butte creek as early as possible after their arrival in this city. It was upon his request sent to the district office in Portland that secured the soldiers.

ILLINOIS MAN BUYS 45 ACRE TRACT

J. J. Adams of Evanston, Ill., has purchased the B. F. Riddle property located in the Griffin Creek district, about six miles from Medford. There are 45 acres in the tract, 33 acres of which are set out to fruit trees, 20 acres in pears, 10 acres in apples and 3 acres in peaches. These trees are in their second and third seasons. About eight acres are in alfalfa.

The consideration was \$12,500. The sale was made by R. W. Northup.

ROGUE PEARS SELL FOR \$2.49 IN BOSTON

A car of pears from Grants Pass sold today in Boston for \$1180 gross. The car contained 125 boxes of fancy, 142 choice and 206 culls. The price per box averaged \$2.49.

A good store location is advertising; good store service is advertising—but both of these are supplementary to the real advertising that is done in the newspaper.

'T WAS SENATOR HALE WHO GOT US THAT \$10,000

Senator Chamberlain Tells How the Standpat Bulwark of Conservation Secured \$10,000 for Surveys in Crater National Park.

To that stand-pat bulwark of conservation, Senator Hale of Maine, is due most of the credit for the \$10,000 appropriation secured for the survey of Crater Lake National park, introduced by that champion of direct legislation, Senator G. E. Chamberlain, according to the latter. Had it not been for Mr. Hale's insistence in the conference committee, the item would have been stricken from the list, having been defeated in the House.

The bill as introduced by Senator Chamberlain called for \$15,000. It was passed by the senate, but defeated in the House. At this point, Senator Chamberlain called in Senator Hale, who is a warm personal friend, explained the situation and the need, and secured the latter's promise of assistance.

When the bill came back Senator Hale, who was one of the conferees, stood firm for the appropriation, finally compromising for \$10,000. Had it not been for his assistance, the measure would have been defeated.

HERE TO SURVEY CRATER ROADS

Engineer and Party Arrives to Undertake the Work of Laying Out Roads in Park as Provided at Recent Session of Congress.

The work of surveying trails and roads in the Crater Lake national park will be undertaken immediately, H. L. Gilbert, United States engineer, and party of 26 men having left for the lake to start the work.

At the recent session of congress \$10,000 was appropriated to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war in surveying roads and trails in the park. Mr. Gilbert is here for that purpose.

Further appropriations are expected to be made later for the purpose of building the roads now being surveyed.

EVEN SON-IN-LAW NICK TURNS ON UNCLE JOE

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 18.—Following closely upon political conferences at the summer capitol yesterday, Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Ohio today announced his determination to oppose Cannon for re-election as speaker of the house of representatives.

"I shall oppose Cannon's re-election," said Longworth, "and I shall do so in a manner that I consider proper and effective for the settlement of controversies in my party—namely, in the republican caucus."

OREGON PLAN IS ONLY WAY

Senator Chamberlain Says Senate Will Never Contest to Popular Election of Senators and That Statement One Pledge For Legislators Is Only Rational Method of Securing it—Oregon Gets Much Admiration in Consequence.

"The insurgent spirit is everywhere in the nation," stated United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, who left for Roseburg Thursday after a two days' visit in Medford and the Rogue River valley. "Not only is insurgency rampant in middle western states and the Pacific coast, but it is showing its strength in the south, and even in the New England states."

"There is a great awakening of the people to the necessity of direct legislation. The result in California did not surprise me. What happened there is happening elsewhere. Everywhere the principles of insurgency are making rapid headway, and only the politicians fall to grasp its significance."

"Oregon has led the way with the restoration of government to the people, and is receiving a great deal of admiration in consequence. All through the east the bill boards are placarded with promises of candidates to vote for the adoption of the 'Oregon plan.' The interest it has awakened is shown by the demand for Senator Bourne's speech, over a million individual requests having been received for it."

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SHOOTERS MEET FOR BIG SHOOT

With Weather Conditions Perfect Crack Shots Are Having Splendid Time on Local Grounds—May Smash Records.

With perfect weather conditions prevailing and all plans made carried out without a hitch the Medford Gun club opened a two days' shoot on their grounds north of the city this morning and right merrily have the guns been popping ever since.

Many of the best trap shooters on the Pacific coast are present at the shoot and it is expected that several records will be smashed.

Following is the program of events for the two days.

First Day
No. 1 10 Birds, entrance \$1, merchandise added. No. 2 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 3 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 4 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 5, 20 Birds, entrance \$3, merchandise added. No. 6, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 7, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 8, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added.

Second Day
No. 1, 10 Birds, entrance \$1, merchandise added. No. 2, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 3, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 4, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 5, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 6, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added. No. 7, 20 Birds, entrance \$1, merchandise added. No. 8, 20 Birds, entrance \$2, merchandise added.

TEDDY AND TAFT SAID TO HAVE BROKEN; MEANS WAR, IF TRUE

Teddy May Have Wanted to Have Been Turned Down



Vice President Sherman, Congressman McGuire.

From today's dispatches it develops that Colonel Roosevelt may have wanted to be turned down by the New York Republicans as temporary chairman of the convention and Vice-President Sherman, whose likeness is shown above, named, in order to force the administration to show its hand.

With the vice-president in the above picture is shown Senator Charles Curtis and Congressman McGuire who were named with him in connection with Senator Gore's bribery charges growing out of Oklahoma Indian contests.

PAVING PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

City Council Meets With W. R. Clark and Decides Upon the Streets to be Paved This Year—Many Will Wait.

The city council met with W. R. Clark of the Clark & Henry Paving company, Wednesday afternoon and decided upon a paving program for the remainder of this season. Fifty thousand yards are to be paved before the plant is shut down for winter.

The streets which will be completed this year are South D'Anjou, Bartlett street from Sixth to Eighth, South Front, a half block on East Main, two blocks on South Holly, one block on North Holly, Summit avenue, Peach street, Ross court, North Riverside, North Central and Front street south of Fourth.

The company plans to finish this work and have everything cleaned up for the winter by the middle of October. At that time they expect to have 120,000 square yards paved.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 18.—With quiet restored, the conferences regarding the affiliation of the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America were continued today. The delegates of the two organizations are considering every phase of the proposed amalgamation.

DAHLMAN MAY YET LOSE OUT

Has Lead of Only 2300 Now Over Shallenberger—Result Will be Close Not Know Until Last Returns.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—Complete returns from 23 counties and incomplete from forty five give Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, a lead of 2300 in the contest for the Democratic nomination for governor. The result will be close and will remain in doubt until the last returns are in. Both candidates are claimants of the nomination.

Congressional Nominee Hayward, successful in the first district on an anti-Cannon platform, today received a telegram from President Taft congratulating him on his nomination. This is regarded as significant in view of the statements given out today by Representative Nicholas Longworth to the effect that he would strongly oppose the re-election of Cannon to the speakership. It is believed that these are the first hostilities in the campaign by the administration against Cannonism.

Milwaukee Grows

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—The population of Milwaukee is 387,343 according to statistics given out today.

DID THE COLONEL WANT TURN DOWN AT CONVENTION?

Report Now That He Wished Administration to Show its Hand in Order to Give Him Chance to Break—Sherman's Selection Said to Have Been a Declaration of War

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 18.—That the next few days are apt to bring a sharper division in the republican party between the conservatives and the radicals, with Taft leading the "old guard," and Roosevelt leading the "progressives," is confidently expected here.

The statement that Roosevelt and Taft have broken is considered here as unquestionably authoritative. That Beverly was not surprised by vice-president Sherman's selection instead of Roosevelt as chairman is said to be indicative of an administration victory.

War Is Declared.

This is said here to amount to a declaration of war. Roosevelt's followers think that the colonel displayed political strategy in allowing his name to go before the New York state committee, forcing the committee to reject him and making making the administration to show its hand.

Roosevelt is now connected with the conservatives openly, as they view the situation. His connection with Gifford Pinchot and Congressman Victor Murdock in conferring over the speech he will deliver at Ossawatimie, Kas., is believed to be the former president's declaration for (Continued on Page 8.)

REGISTRATION IS BELOW NORMAL

The Registration so Far Little Over One-third of Estimated Number—More Republicans Than Democrats Are Registering Throughout Country

Registration is not so brisk as it should be with the close but three weeks away.

Some of the outside precincts have evidently been registered almost to the limit of the voters, while the cities, excepting Medford, have fallen short.

For instance, the three Ashland precincts show a total of 293 registered voters, as reported, while Central Medford alone has 290. In the five Medford precincts there are 767 voters who have registered. This may be cut down some, as many voters registered before the change in the lines of the precincts were made and afterward re-registered, so that there may be a number of doubles.

Two precincts so far have reported only one registered voter each. The registered one was a democrat in each case. The precincts are Wilmer and Climax and, according to the vote from these precincts in past years, the county might save money by allowing these gentlemen to cast the vote of their respective precincts. The number of registered voters Thursday morning was 2000, and County Clerk Coleman estimates a vote of at least 5000.