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300 FIREFIGHTERS ARE BELIEVED DEAD

SUPERVISOR SAYS HALF OF HIS FORCE CANNOT BE FOUND

DEATH LIST WILL REACH A TOTAL OF 100

Plans for Rebuilding of Wallace and Other Settlements Are Already Under Way—Citizens Dazed by Terrific Toll Taken by Flames.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 23.—Three hundred government fire fighters in the Coeur d'Alenes are believed to be dead. This most appalling information was given out this morning by Supervisor Weigle, who declares that out of his force of 600 men in the district 300 are still missing.

"I had 600 men working on the north of the headwaters of the Coeur d'Alene, 60 miles from Wallace and on the headwaters of the St. Joe, 100 miles south of Wallace," said Supervisor Weigle. "Up to 8 o'clock this morning 300 of them, working in the worst section, where the fires raged the fiercest, have not been accounted for."

READY FOR STEEL P. & E. NEW LINE

Thompson Bros. Make Great Progress With New Line Into Medford for Hill Road—Material Will Be Hauled in for Road Bed.

With the exception of one point along the line from where it leaves the present track of the P. & E. to the point where the grade abuts against East Main street, Thompson Bros., who have contracted for grading the new entrance of the P. & E., have had little difficulty. This piece of work requires more filling than can be taken from the right of way, but this trouble will be remedied by hauling filling material from other points. The line is nearly ready for steel.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE SENT TO SAFETY

Fire Situation Is Much Improved Today—Troops Arrive and Are Taken to the Front—Ashland No Longer in Danger.

There is not a woman or child to be found today in the territory known as "The Unsurveyed," lying a few miles beyond Butte Falls. They have all been sent to places of safety, while the men have remained to combat the flames, which are raging in that neighborhood. The decision to send the women and children out followed the burning of the homes of several of the settlers, many of whom have lost their all during the past two days. Late reports are to the effect that many other homes are today in danger. It is now a common sight in Butte Falls to see heavily loaded wagons driven into the city by women. Only enough food for the men was left behind and what furniture and belongings which could not be carried.

Today over 1000 men are fighting fire in the Crater national forest and the situation is much improved, as far as private holdings are concerned. The fires for the most part are now well within the confines of the forest, and it is here that the soldiers are at work.

Five additional companies of regulars arrive eldast evening and were taken out to Eagle Point, where they spent the night. One hundred of the men started at daylight this morning for the Lodge Pole camp, on Rancharoe creek, by way of Butte Falls, and another 100 were started for the Red Blanket ranch, on upper Rogue river, by way of Prospect. This is a two-day march. The fire on upper Rogue river is one of the worst now burning and help is badly needed in that section.

Fifty men, or one company of regulars, were taken to Ashland, where they will assist the 200 men in that section in fighting the fire in Ashland creek. One of the large fires in that neighborhood, on Anderson creek, is under control, and it is believed a second one—that on Wagner creek, will be under control within the next 24 hours.

It is now believed that all danger

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HAWLEY HERE

Congressman States That He Is Finding Everything in Splendid Shape—Will Spend Day or So Interviewing Local People.

W. C. Hawley, congressman from this district, is spending a few days in Medford looking over his fences, having arrived Monday evening from Klamath.

Mr. Hawley expresses himself as greatly pleased with the outlook. He states that he is standing upon his record in the district and that he feels confident of re-election.

DAVIS BOWS TO URGING OF FRIENDS

Consents to Run for County Commissioner at Instance of Business Men and Farmers—Will Stand Out for Good Roads and Business Administration.

George L. Davis, president of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers' bank, a pioneer of Medford and one of the best known business men of the valley, has consented at the instance of business men and farmers to become a candidate for county commissioner on the republican ticket. His platform will include a business administration and a good roads propaganda.

Friends have convinced Mr. Davis that the county needs someone of his ability to fill this important office and to sacrifice his inclinations for the good of the community, and Mr. Davis will have the undivided support of the progressive element, both republicans and democrats, in his candidacy.

Mr. Davis was one of the pioneer merchants of Medford. In a long business career he has been successful in whatever he has undertaken. He was one of the founders of the Medford Commercial club, as well as of the Jacksonville Commercial club, and always has been among those who have helped by work and energy to build up the county.

So far as known, Mr. Davis will be unopposed.

WILL APPOINT COMMISSIONERS

State Commissioner Carson Will Appoint Deputy Commissioners Instead of County Inspectors in Order to Expedite Inspection.

State Fruit Commissioner A. H. Carson will arrive on the 3:20 train this afternoon and will immediately enter into consultation with Professor O'Gara and the members of the Rogue River Horticultural association on the matter of the appointment of deputy commissioners to take care of orchard conditions in this valley.

The state commissioner has power to appoint as many deputies as he wishes to, provided that, except in extraordinary cases, they serve voluntarily. It is the intention to appoint two or more deputy commissioners in each particular neighborhood, clothed with all the authority of the commissioner himself. These voluntary workers will work together in cleaning up their respective districts, and in conjunction with the county inspectors.

This plan will lessen the number of county inspectors needed, as each district will have competent volunteers who are protecting themselves while protecting their neighbors, and reduce the cost to the county of fruit inspection, which has always been a thorn in the side of the county court.

This plan is the result of a conference between Mr. Carson and Professor O'Gara, when ways and means for a thorough inspection of the orchards of the valley were thoroughly discussed.

If your advertising is so unimportant that it makes people suppose your store to be unimportant—work hard to correct the impression.

LEGISLATURE CALLED TO VOTE FAIR AID

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 23.—Governor Gillett this morning issued a proclamation calling the state legislature into special session September 6 for the purpose of adopting amendments to the state constitution which shall be submitted to the people aiming to give financial assistance to the Panama Pacific exposition to be held in San Francisco.

LONDON FRUIT MAN PLEASSED WITH VALLEY

Charles M. Simons, English Importer of Fancy Fruit, Speaks Well of Rogue River Valley and Its Products.

"The Rogue River valley is certainly one of the finest fruit sections in the world. Nowhere have I seen such perfect orchards and nowhere do they produce better fruit," states Charles M. Simons of London, Glasgow and Liverpool, the largest apple importer in the United Kingdom, who, accompanied by his New York representative, W. M. French, has spent the past two days in Medford and the valley. This is his first trip to America, though he is familiar with all fruit districts of Europe.

"Oregon apples are the finest grown, and these is an unlimited market abroad for them as soon as they can be produced at a price the masses can afford to pay. At present only the few can afford to purchase, but an increased production will solve the problem. You should raise apples for the million as well as the few."

"There is a great market for your pears, both Bartlett and winter pears, in England. This year a great storm practically destroyed the crop in the Valley du Rhone, France, which supplies England with winter pears, so that your product ought to command a high price.

FREIGHT WRECK DELAYS TRAFFIC

No. 221, South-Bound Freight, Goes in Ditch and Holds Up No. 20, and Causes Several Broken Dates—Is Most Popular Train on Road.

No. 221, southbound freight, was ditched near Phoenix Tuesday morning and as a consequence the 8:04 local from Ashland failed to connect. This train is one of the most popular ones on the line, as it carries commuters to northern points, commuters to Medford and does a land office business, as a usual thing.

Some orchard foremen are waiting for the boss to come and give his orders and a few merchants are wondering why their out-of-town clerks have not appeared. The answer is that the usually reliable No. 18 is on the other side of the wreck. The wreck was not a severe one.

EGGLESTON STATEMENT CANDIDATE

Well-Known Ashlander Announces That He Will Run for Republican Nomination for Representative From Jackson County Upon Progressive Platform.

Captain M. F. Eggleston of Ashland today filed his intention of becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative. Captain Eggleston's petition embodies Statement No. 1 clause of the direct primary law and reads as follows: "During my term of office I will always vote for the candidate for United States senator who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference."

The following words will be printed after Captain Eggleston's name on the ballot: "For progressive legislation, good roads, education and direct primary law."

Captain Eggleston is a West Point graduate and former army officer. He left the army to enter journalism and founded "Town Talk," which afterward became the Ashland Tribune and later the Medford Tribune. He has been city recorder of Ashland for many years, but intends to resign. He has been admitted to practice law and is well qualified to serve the people in any capacity.

BAD FIRES NEAR GRANTS PASS

Home of G. A. Hamilton Is Wiped Out and Fruit Is Badly Injured—Fire Started on Murphy Road, Below the Pass.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 23.—One of the worst forest fires in years has been raging here the past couple of days. Last Friday the forest on the mountains just across the river from this city was on fire. That night and Saturday the fire increased and it was telephoned to this city that the neighborhood of Fruitdale, three miles up the river, was about to be wiped out. Volunteers were taken to the scene in automobiles and the ranchers from the other side of the mountains at Murphy also rendered assistance until it was estimated that fully 200 men were fighting the flames.

Owing to the area burned over it is not possible to now estimate the amount of damage done. The home of G. A. Hamilton, together with his hay, wood and outbuildings was totally destroyed. Mr. Hamilton has one of the finest fruit farms in Rogue River, and much of his fruit was literally cooked by the flames. Mr. Heaton, also living just south of the city, had his outbuildings, hay, wood and all his fences burned and it was only by a miracle that his house was saved. His fruit was also burned. Much of the timber burned was very valuable and that loss cannot be estimated at this time, but there were miles of new fences destroyed.

The fire started just south of Grants Pass on what is known as the Murphy road, and the westerly wind swept it into the Fruitdale valley almost before people realized it. Many people from this city went across the

SHERMAN, TURNED DOWN BY TAFT, MAY RESIGN HIS OFFICE

TEDDY SPEEDS WESTWARD FROM TANGLED SKEIN

Leaves Muddled Situation Behind—May Yet Be Chosen Temporary Chairman of New York Convention—Sherman Can't Oppose.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Leaving behind him one of the most muddled situations in the history of New York politics, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, on a special train, left here at 10:30 a. m. for Utica, N. Y., the first stopping place in his long speaking tour. Forgetting politics this afternoon, the colonel is scheduled to address the Herkimer county grange.

That Letter to Grisco.

In New York, following the publication of President Taft's letter to Lloyd C. Grisco, chairman of the New York county republican committee and the man who presented Roosevelt's name to the state committee as temporary chairman of the Saratoga state convention, only to see Vice-President Sherman chosen in his place, politicians are trying to figure out just how the political skein is tangled. Today they predict that Hughes and Roosevelt, backed by Taft himself, will control the republican situation and that Roosevelt may yet be named chairman and Sherman asked to retire.

May Make Statement.

Sherman was expected in New York city today, but he has telegraphed that he finds it impossible to come. It is believed, however, that he will have a conference in the next few days with the leaders of the New York republican committee, and it is likely, in the light of the letter of President Taft, some statement will be made by him. Politicians here say they would not be surprised if he should voluntarily retire for the "sake of harmony."

As running mate of Taft in the last election and as an integral part of the administration, it is believed, Sherman can hardly oppose the wishes of the president, and with the Grisco letter, in which Taft deplores the controversy, and the telegram to the president to Sherman suggesting a conference with Roosevelt, it is believed that Sherman will be willing to make some move to restore the harmony which Taft hoped might be attained.

Roosevelt Chairman Yet.

Grisco openly predicts that Roosevelt will be the temporary chairman of the convention. Unless Roosevelt forbids any such action, Grisco says, it is probable the state committee will meet on the night before the convention and attempt to oust Sherman and name the colonel. At least four members of the committee who supported Sherman, Grisco says, now support Roosevelt. Grisco even predicts, privately, that Sherman will retire.

On the other hand, Sherman's followers believe that Roosevelt will stop any fight against the vice-president, believing that it has gone far enough now, and that in the interest of harmony it must be ended. They declare that it would be suicidal for the party to begin its campaign with a quarrel in the organization.

A store that's on a "big scale" should plan its advertising on a big scale.

SAY TAFT NOW SEEKING AID OF ROOSEVELT

Taft Writes Letter Couched in Gentle Terms Which Is Regarded as Labeling Sherman as "Political Trickster"

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 23.—As a result of President Taft's repudiation of the political methods of Vice-President James S. Sherman, it is predicted here today that Sherman may not only resign as temporary chairman of the New York republican convention, but may resign as vice-president of the United States.

Taft's letter, though couched in gentle terms, is regarded as labeling Sherman as a "political trickster." The administration followers believe firmly that the letter will heal the breach between the president and Colonel Roosevelt, but they can see no possible means by which the differences between Taft and the vice-president may be adjusted.

Taft Capitulates.

Roosevelt followers here point to the fact that Taft capitulated to Roosevelt's terms. The telegram to Sherman made public with the letter to Grisco telling Sherman to consult with Roosevelt and endeavor to bring about harmony, they declare, makes it very plain that the president wishes to conciliate Roosevelt. That Sherman did not follow out his wishes is cause for a disagreement between the two men, but the attitude which Sherman assumed and which caused the impression to be generally circulated that Taft approved of his action is the thing, it is declared, which rankles most in the presidential breast.

Cared Naught for T. R.

Sherman, in his talks with reporters here, gave the impression after he had been selected over Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship of the Saratoga convention that he would not withdraw and that the convention would adopt a reactionary

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PEARS BRING LARGE RETURNS

Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association Receives Returns on Three Cars of Fruit and Burrell Orchard on One.

The Rogue River Fruit & Produce association has received returns on three cars of Bartlett's, each of which brought a fair price.

Car No. 3650, containing 272 fancy and 134 choice, was sold in New York, averaging \$2.76 a box.

Car No. 2296, containing 329 fancy and 77 choice, was sold in Boston, averaging \$2.44 a box.

Car No. 2357, containing 310 fancy and 96 choice, was sold in Pittsburgh, averaging \$2.47.

The Burrell orchards have received returns on their first car of Bartlett's, which was sold in Boston, averaging \$3.30 a box.