

According to the list prepared by headed by Joe Halm of Spokane and Supervisor Weigle, 39 are dead at they were fighting the fires at the Grand Forks, 12 at Avery, 20 on headwaters of the St. Joe river. No Seltzer creek, S and Bullion mine, 10 on Boulder creek, 6 on Placer creek near Wallace, 13 at Big creek, 2 at Pine creek and 2 at Rock creek. In addition nearly 200 fire fighters are missing. When last heard of the men were at the headwaters of the St. Joe river, where some of the worst conflagrations raged. Deputy Porter spoke along the same line, as

with five acres of ground. Dr. Pickel stated that this

from the blazing wreckage of the Chicago-Montreal express train on the Grand Trank which was run

sion when the representatives of more than a hundred railroads doing business east of the Missouri river will argue in favor of their plan to raise freight rates. While the commission is in session one of the most important

park, which is heavily timbered. Wire communication has been shut off.

At Ashland there are some 300

being the George Lindley residence,

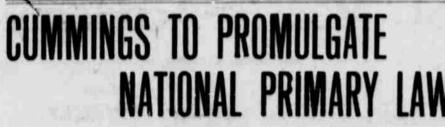
word has been received from them for three days, in spite of desperate efforts to get into communication with the party.

Forestry experts here and at Wailace today estimate the loss in timber alone at \$15,000,000. Scores of miles of the finest timber in the west were destroyed.

Wallace reports that a strong wind is springing up again, but that there is no danger there, for the reason that all the timber has been burned.

For the first time since the great fires started, Spokane today is enwhich obscures the sun.

pervisor Weigle, stationed at Wal- has improved some, is far from satlace, has announced that 94 fire isfactory. Although rain is promis- Commercial Club Holds Important Ughters in his employ have met ed for this district, there is little indooth while fighting the forest fires dication that any will fall.



DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 25 .-- publican party. United States Senator Albert B. Eventually the senator from lowa Cummins of Iowa will become the hopes to be successful with the napromulgator of a bill providing for tional direct primary bill. the nomination of the nation's pres-"That nominations for president ident and vice-president by direct and vice-president may be deterprimary when the next congress con; mined," said Cummins, "at any time, venes. He gave out a statement to- if not at all times, and indeed, actuday defining his views on the sub- ally have been decided by the vote of jeet and explaining that he considers states which practically east no votes ford Commercial club Wednesday such a movement the natural out- for the party and never elect the evening. come of the progressive tendencies party electorate, is absurd and indenow asserting themselves in the re- fensible."

## ESTRADA PROCLAIMED NICARAGUA PRESIDENT

MANAGUA, Aug. 25.-Juan J. Es-ST. PAUL, Aug. 25.-The program trada, provisional president of Nica- of the National Conservation con- they were the best offer made to the Many men are hiring bodyguards. ragua, arrived here today and was gress is to be again changed. This proclaimed president. His coming time the change will be made in order of the efforts of the eitizens of the was the signal for the restoration of to allow the discussion of fire proorder, the suppression of the mobs tection at the neeting. The change and the imprisonment of the rioters. The election of Estrada as the is a direct cosult of the disastrous quarters, will be the proximity to the regular president at the coming elec- forest fires which have swept the many forms of diversion for memtion is conceded by his enemies. He forests of Montana, Idaho, Oregoa, bers provided by the Natatorium sive women's societies of the south will devote the first two years of his Washington and California for the management. administration to reconstruction. past few days.

Rangers Fisher and Holcomb are at the head of a relief expedition which is en route from Wallace to find the Two new fires were reported to-tay. One is burning on Grizziv missing parties.

day. One is burning on Grizzly veloped in a heavy pall of smoke, creek a feeder for the north fork of the St. Joe river, and the other on the north fork, burning toward SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 25 .- Su- Prichard. The situation, while it

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TO TALK FIRE-FIGHTING

Meeting-Are Soon to Move to the

Natatorium-"Gasoline Gang" Organized to Work for Upbuilding

LOCAL BOOSTERS

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Securing of new quarters for the Comemrcial club in the new Natatorum building, the appointment of a committee to call upon the city council to secure the removal of telegraph poles from business streets and the completion of pavement upon streets connecting with county highways; the appointment of a large

membership committee to be known as the "Gasoline Gang," to work for the upbuilding of the club, and the community, and the admission of ten new members were the main features at an important meeting of the Med-

Large Quarters. The new quarters offered by the acquittal she felt she was at perfect

Natatorium management consist of liberty to kill Mischler. a room 25x60 feet in length, for per month. The quarters will be have received letters from girls who lighted and steam-heated free. The say they have been wronged and

club, and partly as an appreciation town in building such a creditable in- created a sensetion. A speedy trial back up their assertions with the and all of Southern Oregon should stitution as the Natatorium. Among is promised. the advantages, besides suitable

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be the largest hospital in the state down by passenger train No. 4 four outside of Portland. He enumerated miles east of i ere at midnight.

the many advantages that would ac-Several persons some of them still erue to the community from having alive, were believed to be in the such a hospital, and urged that the wreckage at daybreak. Portions of club do its utmost to aid the enterbodies could be seen dropping into prise as one of the most worthy ever the fire, but the heat from the blazpresented to the club members. Dr. ing coaches was so great that the

**MURDERS ARE** 

Sweethearts.

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Acquittal of Girl on Plea of "Unwrit-

ten Law" Leads Others to Take

Hand and Slay Their Unfaithful

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 25 .-

Following the acquittal of Mamie

McLaughlin on a plea of the "un-

written law,' after shooting and kill-

ing Hugh Smith, whom she alleged

betrayed and deserted her, the police

here are facing an epidemic of man-

The first shooting occurred last

night. Katherine Fretsch shot and

killed Frank Mischler. The girl, who

is expecting to become a mother, is

because, she alleges, she was betray-

ed by Mischler, and the "unwritten

law" gives her a right to avenge herself. She says she followed the Mc-

Laughlin case carefully and since the

a fund for her defense.

killing by disappointed girls,

that will be talked about by the general public will be the probat appointment of Chairman Martin A. Knapp to a place on the new commerce court provided for by the last session of congress. It is known that Presitent Taft has Mr. Knapp under consideration for this important judicial appointment, and it is believed that he will accept the place if it is tendered to him. The appointment of Judge Knapp to membership in the new court will make two vacancies in the interstate commerce commission. The term of Commissioner Francis M. Cockrell will expire on Dec. 31, 1910. He is not slated for reappointment. Probably no man in the United States has a more comprehensive knowledge of transportation problems than Judge Knapp. In point of service he is the oldest member of the interstate commerce commission. He was first appointed in 1891 and reappointed in 1897, 1902 and 1908. His present term will expire on Dec. 31, 1915. Since 1898 he has been chairman of the commission. The rate hearing will be held in New York city.

THE SIMPLE LIFE FOR HIM

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 25 .-- | wishing to be directly quoted, but it

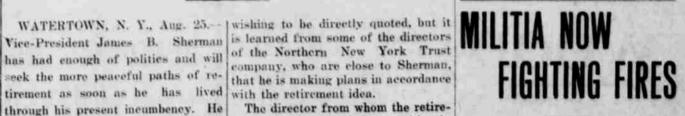
seek the more peaceful paths of re- that he is making plans in accordance

through his present incumbency. He The director from whom the retire-

worn-out business men and towns people today who are thanking Providence that the high wind which prevailed yesterday afternoon died down at sunset and gave them a chance to check the flames which were sweeping toward the city. Today the sits uation is very much improved, but the city is by no means out of danger if the wind should again come up suddenly, as it did vesterday.

Last evening, with the coming of sunset, the wind which had blown hard all afternoon died down and gave the firefighters a chance. They began their onslaught in earnest and by daylight had the flames where they could do no damage, unless fanned to renewed fury by the wind. There is little prospect of a wind this afternoon and it is believed that all

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Forests Are Burning Near Gresham, Eleven Miles East of Portland -Ranchers Have Lost Their All -Much Wood Is Burned.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 25 .- Seventy-five troops, members of the Oregon national guard, are battling with forest fires raging near Gresham, 11 miles east of Portland, today. According to information received this

forenoon, the flames threatened to break beyond control. The soldiers had been fighting the fire since late yesterday afternoon, when they were General Finzer. Several ranchers

Two hundred national guardamen rejoice over the fact that they are are being held in readiness for in-Colonel Ray says: "The Southern about to act. I firmly believe the stant fire duty should their assist-Pacific people are the natural devel- company is acting in good faith and ance be needed in any part of the

Portland today is shrouded in semi-darkness, a result of the heavy smoke which obscures the sun. (Continued on Page Five.)

Katherine Fretsch is a member of an old family here, and the shooting

hard coin. The McLaughlin case was given

considerable publicity. Members of opers of this section. It is their ter- means business. They will not he state. the Era club, one of the most excluritory. This country today is what caught napping again, as they were espoused the girl's cause and raised they have made it. We owe the val- with the Pacific & Eastern."

ley's prosperity to their efforts and

has steadfastly refused to make this ment plan emanated was positive in statement himself, evidently not his assertion that it was positive.

tirement as soon as he has lived with the retirement idea.

confident that the jury will free her. Dr. J. F. Reddy and Colonel Frank Ray Make a Wager Over Incorporation of Grants Pass & Western Railway by Southern Pacific Officials.

Colonel Frank Ray and Dr. J. F. we have no reason to doubt their Reddy have wagered \$500 as the re- intentions. Their efforts at develop-The police say they have been inwhich the club pays a rental of \$60 formed that numerous young men sult of the incorporation of the ment should be welcomed with en-Grants Pass & Western railroad by thusiasm instead of knocked. They called out for fire duty by Adjutant officials of the Southern Pacific, have been contemplating an extenquarters were partly selected because threatening death as a punishment. Colonel Ray says the company in- sion to the coast for years, but the have lost their homes and several tends to build the railroad. Dr. time has not been ripe. There is ev- thousand cords of wood have been Reddy says it is simply another bluff ery indication that circumstances consumed along with standing timto scare away real builders, and each now justify the building of a railroad ber.

TRIAL AFTERMATH SHERMAN HAS HAD ENOUGH;