

## 182 BURIED 94 MISSING FIRE TOLL

Eighteen Firefighters Buried in One Trench—Only Mark of Grave Is Pencil Carv Incribed, "Eighteen Men Buried Here"—Figures Today Are Authentic.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 27.—Following the receipt of news at midnight that the missing party of 15 firefighters under Ranger Joe Halm were safe, the list of missing today was reduced to 94, while the official list of dead was given out as 185. Among the missing are three parties of firefighters who are surrounded by fires in the Clearwater district of Idaho. It is believed that the men are in little danger, as it is known that their camps are located in cleared areas.

The message announcing the safety of Halm and his party was dated Iron Mountain, Mont., and was signed by Ranger Haines, who left on Tuesday at the head of a relief party to search for Halm at the headwaters of the St. Joe.

While there is little indication of rain, the forest fire situation continues to improve, as many of the conflagrations have practically burned themselves out.

The stories told by the survivors who fought in the hottest part of the fires indicate that the loss of life would have been greatly lessened had emergency men under the rangers showed a greater inclination to obey orders. The 24 men who died on Setzer creek had been warned to leave, but they declined to move. The 20 men who met death near Avery had been urged to flee. They ran down the mountain until they found a clearing. They perished there.

All that remains of the 18 firefighters who served under Ranger Hollingshead are buried in a trench at Dittman's cabin, in the St. Joe district. Their tombstone is a pencil carved card, on which is inscribed, "Eighteen men buried here."

The fire-swept area north of the St. Joe river is 15 miles wide and 30 miles long.

On the south side a number of comprehensive fires extend over a large district. Until the rains come and the conflagrations are extinguished, it will be impossible to estimate the damage done with any degree of accuracy.

## PROF. O'GARA NOW HAS FULL POWER

Prof. P. J. O'Gara is in receipt of the following statement from Commissioner Carson which is self-explanatory:

Office of Commissioner Third District, Murphy (Grants Pass) Oregon, August 24th, 1910.

To whom it may concern: I, A. H. Carson, horticultural commissioner for the third district of Oregon, hereby appoint and constitute P. J. O'Gara of Medford, Or., deputy horticultural commissioner of the third district, in full charge, and deputy-in-chief for the county of Jackson, state of Oregon. That said P. J. O'Gara has full charge in directing the work of all county fruit inspectors, and any and all deputy district commissioners in said county of Jackson. That any and all acts that said P. J. O'Gara may perform as deputy district commissioner in said county of Jackson shall be the same as though performed by myself, and I require of all inspectors and deputy commissioners in said county the performance of all orders that said Deputy in Chief P. J. O'Gara may hereafter make, the same as if though given by myself.

Witness this, my signature, (Signed,) A. H. CARSON, Commissioner, third district.

## "HOOP-EE" "YIP YIP!" -COLONEL

Roosevelt Has High Old Time at Frontier Celebration—Cheered by Thousands, He Dashes About Track at Roundup and Yells Like Comanche Indian.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 27.—Careening wildly about Frontier park on the back of a big white cow pony, Theodore Roosevelt came back to the west today. Standing in the stirrups, he held up his horse with one hand and waved a big black felt hat with the other at 10,000 people in the stands and yelled "Whoop-ee!" and the thousands, witnessing his act, went wild with enthusiasm. He spent the entire day in one wild continuous rush of western events. Cowboys, cowgirls, Indians, bucks, squaws, papposes and even horses were objects of his enthusiastic attention.

At the park today was had a big frontier day celebration in which Roosevelt was the central figure. Significantly hung in plain view before the judges' stand was a big colored banner inscribed, "Wyoming's Choice for 1912—Theodore Roosevelt," with a big picture of the colonel.

When Roosevelt arrived here he was met at the station by Senator Warren, Senator Borah of Idaho, General Frederick A. Smith of the district of Missouri, W. E. Stone, chairman of the frontier celebration committee, and a yelling escort of cowboys. Some 5000 soldiers were in line and following them came a hundred more Shoshone and Sioux Indians in war paint. The colonel knew some of the older braves, whom he greeted with real Indian war-whoops as they passed the stand. They halted and returned his respects by yelling back. Immediately after arrival at the park the colonel delivered his speech.

At its conclusion Roosevelt was given a white pony to ride about the track. He took the turns at a gallop, yipping like a brander at a roundup. He got the greatest applause when he came down the stretch in front of the grandstand standing in the stirrups.

## NEW BUILDING STARTS TUESDAY

Work on the erection of the new business block to be erected at the intersection of Main and Bartlett streets by John M. Root and San Francisco associates will start on Tuesday morning. The contract has been let to R. J. Stewart who is at the present erecting the Natatorium.

The new building will be known as the "Sparta" block. The name was chosen by Mr. Root and is the same as that of the town in which Mr. Root was reared. It will be a handsome structure of white enamel brick, two stories in height, and 70x114 in size. The entrance on each street will have over them a full marquis. It will be one of the most handsome structures in the city and will represent an investment of \$40,000.

**Body Is Found.**  
POINT MARION, Pa., Aug. 27.—The body of Frank Ringle, who disappeared August 16, was found today buried under the floor of the garage of W. L. Harvey, a wealthy resident of Marion. Ringle's head had been crushed by a blow and the police are certain he was murdered. Harvey yesterday noticed blood stains in the garage.

Eric Erickson, one of the pioneers of the Blue Ledge section was in Medford Saturday on a business trip.

## Pictorial Phases of Colonel Roosevelt's Tour And Map Showing Places He Will Visit.



## DEMANDS THAT PASSES BE SHOWN

Sensation Is Sprung in Trial of Lee O'Neil Browne for Bribery—13,000 Illegal Passes Are Said to Have Been Issued to Politicians.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—States Attorney Wayman started a sensation this afternoon in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne for bribery that probably will "throw a scare" into scores of Illinois politicians. Wayman demanded that the Illinois Central railroad shall produce on Monday all coupon passes issued to members of the legislature and to politicians during the last year.

Wayman declared that compliance with the order would show that 13,000 illegal passes had been issued to politicians, who easily were able to get passes for their friends.

Wayman also charged that a conspiracy is under way to bring about the acquittal of Browne. A special grand jury convened today to investigate the charges of perjury in connection with the Browne case. The jury called former State Senator Alschuler, who testified at the Browne trial, and contradicted witnesses for the state regarding the actions of Browne on the day William Lorimer was elected to the United States senate. Browne is on trial a second time for alleged bribery in connection with Lorimer's election.

## Burns to Play Lacrosse.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 27.—Tommy Burns, former champion heavyweight fighter of the world, today signed a contract with the Vancouver Lacrosse club to play one match Labor day, September 5, against New Westminster. He will receive \$1000 for the afternoon's work and will play outside home, checking Tommy Gifford, the famous defense player of the world's champions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall and son, Seeley and Frank Isaacs, who have been fishing on the upper Rogue, returned home Saturday. Too much smoke and cold mornings spoiled the pleasure of the trip.

## 13 MILES GAS MAINS ARE IN

Work on System Progressing Rapidly—Medford Will Be Burning Gas by October First If No Hard Luck Is Encountered.

The Rogue River Valley Gas company is pushing right along with the installing of their system. They already have 13 miles of street mains in. The ditching and piping crews are now working on the main line between the city and the plant location, near Voorhies station. This work will be completed September 1. The concrete foundations are all in and ready for the machinery and gas holders. Part of this material is now on the ground.

President Anderson says he expects the erectors here on Monday to start work on the big holder, and, barring bad luck, they will be making and serving gas October 1. The service men are all busy now making house service connections, and a little later on will be transferred to Ashland to follow up the work there.

## SCHOOL OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 5

The Medford public schools will open for the fall term on Monday, September 5. Everything is now in readiness. The real work of the term will begin on Tuesday morning owing to the fact that Monday is Labor Day.

The school board has decided to open two additional rooms in the High school building for the grades until such time as the East side school can be built. Improvements in the Washington school have also been delayed.

The board has purchased eight additional lots at the North school in order to provide play grounds. Improvements are planned at this school in the way of beautifying the grounds.

## TO WORK FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Committee Meets and on Monday Soliciting of Funds Will Commence—Hospital Will Be Largest in the State Outside of Portland.

Work on raising the \$100,000 bonus to secure the \$100,000 hospital offered by the Sisters of Providence will be begun Monday morning, by the Medford commercial club committee, consisting of Dr. Pickel, Conroy, Porter, and Reddy and G. Putman.

The committee held a meeting Saturday and decided that every effort would be made to secure the needed subscriptions, which will be made payable in several installments.

The hospital will contain 75 beds for patients and be the largest structure of its kind outside of Portland in Oregon.

## HEAVY DAMAGE TACOMA FIRE

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 27.—Fire that broke out an hour before midnight and which was not brought under control until early this morning, did damage estimated at nearly a half million dollars on the waterfront, burning over five acres of valuable property.

The mill, plant and stock of the E. B. McNeely company were destroyed. Two persons were injured.

The mill and plant, valued at \$250,000, with \$50,000 stock, were destroyed. The fire originated in the boiler room, one of the big mill boilers having become heated to excess on its outside covering, causing a scattering of refuse to become ignited. The fire rapidly leaped up the dry walls of the boiler room and before it was discovered had the building thoroughly in its grasp.

Many homes on the bluff overlooking the mill were threatened with destruction and several householders moved their effects out preparatory to deserting their houses.

## REWARDS ARE TO BE OFFERED

County Court Asked to Give Reward of \$500 for Fire Bugs—Buck Said to Have Recommended That Reward of \$2500 Be Offered by the Government.

District Attorney Mulkey has asked the county court to hold a special meeting within the next few days and offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of 'be incendiaries who have been making so much trouble throughout southern Oregon during the past two weeks.

While Assistant Forester C. J. Buck declines to discuss the matter it became known yesterday that he has recommended to the forestry officials in Portland that reward of at least \$2500 be offered by the department for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the present fires.

No longer doubt remains as to the fact that the fires are being set. Those on the firelines throughout the Crater Forest have gathered enough evidence to show beyond doubt that the fires are being set out.

Two men, S. Crosby and Arthur Frenche, were arrested yesterday on the fire line back of Ashland and charged by Ranger Gribble with setting out the fires which have been threatening Ashland for a week past.

The men were given a hearing immediately before Judge Eggleston in the Justice's Court but were allowed to go, there not being enough evidence offered to warrant the court in holding them. The men were found in the neighborhood of a new fire and were asleep. It appeared that they had been responsible, but enough evidence could not be secured to convict.

In the Butte Falls district there are a number of secret service men looking up evidence against suspects and it is expected that several arrests will follow.

It has been authoritatively reported that no less than six new fires have been set out in one neighborhood in a single night.

The most terrific fire now raging in the Crater National forest is on the south fork of Rogue river. Here some 30 sections of timber have been burned over. The timber in this neighborhood runs from 30,000 to 40,000 feet an acre and from authentic reports from 60 to 100 per cent of it has been destroyed. This fire jumped the middle fork of Rogue river and endangered Prospect but was controlled by the soldiers. So far it has not again jumped the middle fork. It is still far beyond control and it is not considered improbable that it will escape its present bounds and wipe out a large number of homes.

The Dudley, Cat Hill and Big Elk fires are being held.

Favorable reports are being received from Ashland and Coalinga.

A fire is burning within a mile of Ruch on the Applegate which all of the settlers in that neighborhood are fighting. It is thought that it will be under control within the next 24 hours.

The settlers near Ashbestos have saved their homes by hard fighting.

## CONGRESSMEN WILL NOT TALK OF INVESTIGATION

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 27.—Congressmen Miller and Burke of the special investigating committee that has been probing the Indian contracts in Oklahoma, arrived here today. Beyond saying that "McMurray seemed to have the Indians hypnotized and had everything his own way," the congressmen refused to discuss the hearing.

County Clerk Coleman is taking a vacation in the tall timber, where the applicant for registration and the candidate troubleth not. Bill isn't wearing heavy shoes, however.

## TO COLLECT \$8000 DUE ROAD FUND

Crater Lake Highway Commission Holds Session and Hears Report on Finances—Will Meet Tuesday to Consider Letting of Contracts for Building Road at Pumice Hill.

At a meeting of the Crater Lake Highway Commission Saturday evening, the report of the auditor, Geo. L. Davis, showed in round figures, \$30,000 subscribed to the Crater Lake highway fund, of which \$26,000 was subscribed in Medford and vicinity and \$4000 in Portland. Of this \$30,000 subscribed half of which is past due, but \$7000 has been collected, and the auditor was authorized to take necessary steps to collect the \$8000 now due, and unpaid through the negligence of the subscribers.

The commission has expended for the saving of the road approximately \$4000, which will leave a fund of approximately \$11,000 available for road construction this fall. This money will be used to build the new Florence rock grade, with a maximum grade of 4 per cent.

Tuesday evening the commission will meet again to discuss the construction of the road with contractors and arrange to advertise for bids.

## VAN LIEW IS KICKED OUT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 27.—Deserted in the final vote by Trustees Coggin and Campbell, who had hitherto supported him, Dr. C. C. Van Liew is today deposed as principal of the Chico Normal school. Van Liew declares that he will not fight the unanimous decision of the board that ousted him for the "best interests of the school."

The educator's dismissal came as the result of charges of improper conduct in the administration of the Chico institution. These had for their basis assertions by Miss Ada Clark, a student, that Van Liew attempted to place his arm around her waist in his private office. Van Liew was tried before the board of trustees on these charges, which were formally preferred by Governor Gillett. By a vote of three to two he was acquitted.

Among the applicants for the vacant position is J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction of Oregon.

## DR. CRIPPEN IS NEARLY MOBBED

LONDON, Aug. 27.—An attempt to lynch Dr. H. H. Crippen, suspected of having murdered his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, was made this afternoon when the American doctor and his companion, Miss Ethel Levee, arrived in London.

A great crowd at the railroad station broke through the police guard at the depot and rushed for the accused man. Crippen cowered beside Inspector Dew and Sergeant Mitchell, appealing to them to protect him.

By a desperate effort the police succeeded in driving back the mob before their prisoners had been roughly handled.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 27.—Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Claire Levee, with their police escort under Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard, arrived here this afternoon on the steamship Mecatis from Quebec.