

GREAT LOSS FROM FIRES

Detailed Field Examination Shows That 700,000,000 Feet of Timber Was Destroyed in Northwest By Forest Fires.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Reports based on detailed field examinations made by national forest officers, of the lands burned over in the forest fires of last summer in Washington and Oregon, which have been received by the United States department of agriculture, show that the national forest timber loss in these states is about 700,000,000 feet. This is somewhat less than was indicated by the provisional estimates made shortly after the fires. The reports also show the importance, as a means of protecting the forests against fires, of the effort which are being made by the department to open new range to stockmen.

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Large parts of this forest, and also of the Chelan, Okanogan, and other forests, are not used by stock because of their inaccessibility, although a good supply of forage is produced. The dry grass and other herbage both spread the flames and made them fiercer and more destructive than they would have been if the land had been grazed. One of the objects of national forest administration is to open all available range to the fullest use consistent with preservation of the carrying power of the range and protection of forest growth and water supplies.

In carrying out this principle, where good grazing grounds are at present inaccessible to stock the aim of national forest administration is to open means of communication, through the construction of drive-ways, the building of roads and trails etc., to the end that stock may penetrate wherever forage is to be found and grazing properly be permitted. Through the building of rail roads and the pushing forward of the system of permanent improvements which has been planned for the national forests of northern Washington, Idaho, and Montana, it is believed that much hitherto unused range in these forests will soon be opened to use. The topography of some of the country is such as to make it available only from the Canadian side, but American stock owners are now beginning to work into it from that side. Another means of opening more national forest range which is being actively employed by the department of agriculture is the securing of concessions from railroads in the form of rates and facilities for shipping stock in and out of regions where forage is now going to waste.

OWENS RIVER BONDS SOLD TO NEW YORK PARTIES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 31.—The New York syndicate holding an option on \$4,896,999 worth of Owens river water supply bonds today paid for \$812,000 worth of the bonds with \$24,450 accrued interest. This transaction, together with the announced intention of the syndicate to take over the entire amount of bonds covered by its option, insures the completion of the Owens river aqueduct early in the summer of next year.

POLICE REFUSE TO CONDALE WITH HOUSEWRAPPER MAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—The local police today refused to arrest Mrs. Belinda A. Carbonneau on complaint of A. F. Ruser, the cashier of the Nome City Alaska bank, who was severely horsewhipped by the woman after he had been lured to a hotel room last Saturday night. Mrs. Carbonneau is staying at a hotel and declares that she threshed Ruser in revenge for insults he had heaped upon her young married sister. Ruser declares that Mrs. Carbonneau was assisted by two men, but she denies this. The authorities told Ruser he must produce additional evidence before they would take any action.

SISIYOU TOWN UP FOR SALE: COUNTY DRY

OAK BAR, Cal., Jan. 31.—Following the announcement that outside of its seven cities, Sisiyou county is to be made "dry," the entire town of Oak Bar is offered for sale to the highest bidder. The man who owns the city has prospered here for 15 years, when he could conduct a saloon along with other enterprises, but the "dry" ordinance has disgusted him, and he is going to leave. Oak Bar consists of a general merchandise store, two hotels, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop, three dwellings, the postoffice and a soft drink parlor.

Taft Must Come Through

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 31.—If President Taft wants to drive his automobile over Maryland roads he will have to plank down 42 gold, iron dollars before he gets the license, for Vehicle Commissioner George refuses to extend credit to the chief executive. The president's secretary filed the application, but neglected to enclose the \$42.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)

Ed Walker and wife, who live at the Iowa Mills, near Batte Falls came out Thursday from Jacksonville, where he had been as a witness in the Jack O'Connor hay case, also Mrs. Gippert, her son Harris, O'Connor came back to Eagle Point and Saturday morning started for Batte Falls with his wife, Mrs. Carl Cobley and one of the Thomason boys.

Prof. C. E. Johnson who has a homestead on the railroad track near Ruse Creek has been visiting Medford and Ashland, came out on the P. & E. Friday morning to his homestead and returned Saturday evening to the Sunny Side.

A gentleman by the name of Dane-line a lumber cruiser from Portland just returned from a trip up on Trail Creek, he reports the whole country a combination of mud, slush and snow, but it will be better soon, in a few days after the sun has shone a short time the roads will be so much better that he will hardly know that they are the same roads.

In spite of the continual showers mud and slush people are pushing their work right along. The McInoids are putting up their houses, they had one up and the sheeting all ready for the shingles Saturday evening and Frankatish also has his house so that they have moved in and have let rooms to one of the McInoids until they can build their own house on the land they bought from Mrs. Jonas. Y. W. Grover is getting the material on the ground to build two houses this spring and there seems to be a general feeling here that our little town is coming to the front.

Miss Flora Aikin, a stepdaughter of Mr. Uronan, reported Friday morning that the men working on the old Beckman track of land, now owned by Benton Bowers, had found the bones of an arm and hand of a human being while repairing a fence but there is no recollection among the old settlers of any one being lost in that section.

H. E. Whitney one of United States rangers spent the night here Friday on his way to the Cat Hill and country to plant seed to reforest the burned section in that district.

Chambers Griz-by and family, a son of Mrs. A. N. Thomas, is here visiting his mother and old time friends. He is expecting his brother

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

Tom Rose and wife and daughter Miss Pearl and Master Jim Ross spent Sunday afternoon in Medford.

W. J. Freeman and wife and daughter Miss Lola were at Medford Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. J. B. Holmes spent Sunday and Saturday visiting with Mrs. Hester Hartzell and Mrs. W. G. Alden Hazen.

Mr. Glen Owens came up from Hornbrook Sunday to visit his mother and other relatives.

George Hirschberger of Willow Springs, B. F. Grove of Raygold and Mrs. Duntion of Tolo was here transacting business Monday.

S. A. Pattison, C. E. Faber and W. T. Stidham were Monday morning visitors to Medford.

Before church service Sunday night, Rev. Dorison of Portland, who is assisting Rev. Hazelton in the revival meetings at the M. E. church held a street service at 7 p. m.

Miss Mary Olson accompanied by Mr. Merrill spent Sunday afternoon in Medford.

C. S. Sanders has moved his office from the Freeman into the Jacobs building.

Milan and sister Henry Corrin of Douglas county to come down in a few days and after visiting them a short time, will return to his home in Nevada.

E. H. Carder, the man who bought the Pat Ryan tract of land lying about two miles west of Eaglepoint and Mr. J. H. Holmes were present callers, a few days ago Mr. Holmes was out looking for a tract of apple land or where he could raise an orchard.

C. M. Boynton of Medford was a guest at the Sunnyside Friday night.

George Feofus and T. J. Towrop of Portland called for dinner Saturday on their way to Derby.

Andrew Coffman and Lee Waddell of Big Cotte also called for dinner Saturday, they were on the way from Medford to their homes.

C. C. Breeman department company, fruit inspector of Medford came out Saturday and examined two lots of trees that had been shipped out here, he also was a guest at the Sunny Side.

C. P. Briggs, a druggist of Butterfalls and Mr. Cowden were pleasant guests at the Sunny Side Friday.

E. S. Turney a civil engineer was also with us Saturday.

RUNAWAY AUTO DEALS DEATH

Without Driver or Passengers Hergel Machine Plunges Down Hill Striking Boy, Instantly Killing Him—Thrown 20 Feet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—A big seven-passenger automobile, without driver or passengers, dashed crazily down Cherry street hill in the crowded downtown section at midnight and ran over and killed Elmer Connors, a 19-year-old youth who came to Seattle yesterday from Waterbury, Conn. The machine had gotten away from the chauffeur, who had left it standing in front of the Seattle Athletic club.

Connors, with a companion, was crossing the street on Third avenue when the big car, running at a terrific rate of speed, struck him in the side, killing him almost instantly.

He was thrown about 20 feet to the side and the big car, continuing its wild career, crashed into a street car which was taking on passengers.

Blot to Mexico.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 31.—Louis Blot, the San Francisco fight promoter,

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ter, is in San Diego, today, enroute to Tia Juana, where he will look over the site of the proposed amusement park and race track, which are said to be contemplated by Northern capitalists. Hot said no definite plans had been arranged, but he believed the project would be put through. The syndicate will take over 400 acres if their plans materialize.



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