

FOREST FIRES CAUSE DAMAGE

Dry Weather Makes Many Blazes Assume Dangerous Proportions—Rain Falling in Washington Which Will Bring Relief.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 26.—Dry weather is causing many new forest fires to assume dangerous proportions in Oregon, according to District Forester Cecil today, who issued a call on state and private organizations to co-operate with the government in keeping timber destruction as near the minimum as possible.

Twenty-five men today began a fight against a fire on Clear Fork near Estacada. The fire on Seven Mile mountain, in Linn county, is still dangerous. A new fire is reported in the Deschutes National forest and a number of small fires are destroying timber in west central Oregon.

Reports from northern and central Washington are more favorable. Considerable rain has fallen there in the last few days and a number of fires have died out.

PRESIDENT DENOUNCES DEMOCRATIC REFORM

HAMILTON, Mass., Aug. 26.—Characterizing the conjunction of the democrats and progressive republicans in the recent session of congress as an "unnatural alliance" and declaring that the democrats wanted "tariff for politics only," President Taft, before the Essex County Republican club here today bitterly denounced the democrats' attempted tariff legislation.

The president, hinting that the "unnatural alliance" would mean the defeat of both democrats and progressives, added that Massachusetts would have a good opportunity at the coming election to assert her will regarding it.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Service Sunday at 11 a. m., subject of lesson-sermon: "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 10; Wednesday evening meeting at 8. All are welcome. A free reading room is open to the public from 2 to 5 daily, except Sunday. Church edifice, 212 North Oakdale ave.

UNDERWOOD BOOM.



OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD

Out of the boom of Representative Oscar Underwood for president may come a successful movement to nominate him for vice president. In democratic quarters in Washington there is much talk of this and considerable significance is attached to an interview by Representative Sharp, of Ohio, who urges the nomination of Harmon and Underwood. Mr. Sharp thinks Underwood would add much strength to the ticket.

THOSE JAILED TO WORK FOR CITY

Acting Mayor Merrick Instructs Street Commissioner to Take Vagrants and Get Busy Fixing Chuckholes.

Henceforth those who are jailed for drunkenness and vagrancy must work for the city. Acting Mayor Merrick today issued instructions to the chief of police and Street Commissioner Baker to take the vags and put them to work on the city's street, filling in chuckholes in the worst places. Mr. Merrick will bring the matter before the city council Monday evening and then decide upon a definite policy.

It has been the custom to liberate the drunks if they had no money, telling them to go to work. Ordinarily the men went back to the row and got drunk again. This happened yesterday and Judge Merrick decided on more strenuous methods. Hence the work.

HOWELLS SHOW UP VERY WELL

Manager Miller of Association Is Well Pleased With Quality of Howells—All Are Uniform and Up to Standard.

The Howells are proving the best pear crop in the valley this year, owing to their quality, according to the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association. Good prices for them are predicted owing to the way the pears are coming up to standard.

"The Howell crop is a splendid one," states Mr. Miller, "and the fruit is showing up very well. This variety this year seems to be the best produced." The association is very busy handling the pear-crop, several cars being shipped daily. No sales have been made as yet, the fruit reaching the east being held in cold storage.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 26.—Said to restrain the Southern Pacific from sawing off the cross-arms of the poles of the Postal Telegraph company which overhang the railroad right of way has been instituted in the United States court here by the telegraph company.

Twenty-four years ago the tele-

graph company placed the poles along 103 miles between Eugene and New Era and many of them were erected either within or so close to the railroad right of way that the cross-arms overhung it. About 80 cross-arms have been sawed off and the wires removed by the Southern Pacific.

Attorneys for the Postal claim the company has the right to use the right of way by an act of congress which classifies railroads as post roads and authorizes the use of post roads by telegraph companies for their lines.

Lumber Delegates Leave. RAYMOND, Wash., Aug. 26.—Following the organization of the West Coast Lumber association, representing 200 mills of Oregon and Wash-

ington, delegates to the convention departed for their homes on a special at midnight.

The new association, which was created by the consolidation of the Oregon-Washington association, the Pacific Coast Manufacturers' association and the South West Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association, will be incorporated immediately, and the president and other officers chosen by the trustees elected here yesterday.

It is expected that the association will result in a closer relation between lumbermen.

Lye Eats Trousers. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 26.—Cal McComb, a linotype operator on the Catholic Herald, is today minus

a pair of pants and his usual equipment as the result of a lown-down lyeing attack made upon him here. The lye was lying on the seat of a linotype machine, where it had been left by a fellow printer, and the attack was made upon the seat of McComb's trousers when he sat down to set up a stinging editorial on the

trend of the times. He remained seated but a very short time. Today he consulted an attorney to ascertain who is liable for his pants and his injured feelings. His employer cites the "follow servant" clause as letting him out.

Haskins for Health.

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☐ A telegram from the PIANO MANUFACTURERS' BUREAU, CHICAGO, received at Portland August 15th, has extended the time on all Eilers Music House Checks to August 30th.

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☐ Can you now say there is no value to the Cash awards you have received? These same discounts apply on almost every piano we represent. One of our regular \$350.00, \$300.00, \$275.00 or \$250.00 pianos bears the same discount. Our pianos are always marked in plain figures. We publish a regular printed price list. We could not raise prices for this sale if we wanted to, and it is not necessary, any way, as the manufacturers redeem these cash awards and we get credit for the full amount of their face value, by returning them, properly signed up.

How the Advertising Money Goes to the Actual Buyer

☐ The manufacturers who are interested in this publicity campaign believe that the best advertising they can do is to place their pianos in homes in different parts of the state, where they will be played and heard and seen. They believe that it is much fairer and better to take the money that ordinarily goes for this expensive advertising and give it to a limited number of piano buyers, each one of whom will advertise these pianos in the different localities. The pianos so placed will interest the friends and neighbors of the purchasers and create more piano buyers. Every satisfied customer becomes an advertiser for the piano purchased for years and years. That in turn enables the Eilers Music House to buy many more pianos from the factories.

☐ The manufacturers interested in this contest have found this method of advertising most effective of all. It is a good business proposition. It is good sense. And the money that usually goes to subsidize great artists, to buy extravagant newspaper and magazine advertising, and to pay commissions, goes back into your pockets, where it belongs.

☐ This explains why the prices of the pianos are exactly the same, no matter whether you apply a credit check or not, whether you buy for cash or on time.

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☐ Any person taking advantage of the special offer to use their check before August 1st on the purchase of a piano will receive their choice of a lady's or gent's fine gold watch free as a special premium.

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