WILLOW SPRINGS HILLS SWEPT BY DAMAGING FIRE

A brush and forest fire in the Willow Springs district Sunday, supposed to have been started by a follower of the theory that burning of wooded sections annually is necessary for a heavy growth of grass the following spring, threatened the home of Julius Berkholdt and the Willow Springs school house, and damaged half a mile of telephone and telegraph wire and poles. After an all day fight the fire was brought under control. A menacing fire swept over the same district about this time last year. Practically the entire neighborhood was out fighting the flames.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 26.—A frest fire which did considerable damage in the orchard district five miles north of here yesterday and last night, was under control today. Four ranch houses and numerous barns and other outbuildings were destroyed. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Postal Telegraph company had wires and poles destroyed for a distance of one and a half miles along the county road.

EGAN VICTOR IN TENNIS MATCHES

The second day of the Country club tennis tourney to decide the etnnis honors of southern Oregon brought out a large crowd Sunday. All the matches were fast and interesing. Tennis players throughout the valley are highly interested in the contest. The most interest was centered in the H. Chandler Egan-Robert Pelouze match, Egan winning.

The scores for the day were:
Bromley beat Pierce, 6-4, 6-1.
Connor beat Bromley, 6-3, 6-2.
Adams beat Clark, 6-1, 6-2.
Carpenter beat Mealey, 6-0, 6-0.
Beckwith beat Lequard, 6-2, 6-2.
Ruhl beat Preston, by defeault.
Ruhl beat Beckwith, 6-2, 6-4.
Egan beat Pelouze, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles

Biddle and Bardwell beat Rosenthal and Pierce, by default.
Connor and Clark beat Biddle and Bardwell, 6-1, 6-1.

$5000 OFFERED FOR DIRGIBILES DESTROYED

LONDON, July 26.—Five thousand dollars each for the first ten dirigible balloons destroyed is the prize offered to the British airmen today by Baron Michael Ham. The only provision is that airships must be destroyed while in the air.

AGREE TO PAY 5 PER CENT.

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7 250 watts at $3		21.00
48 100 watts at $1.20		57.60
69 3 ft 40 watts at $1.50		103.60
14 5 ft 40 watts at $2.50		35.00
		$568.20
Less 3 per cent of gross (exclusive of city's bill)		$137.90
or		
Less 5 per cent of gross (exclusive of city's bill)		220.94
and		
If city furnishes renewals and attends to replacing the lamps, allowance of 15 per cent		$85.24
Result		
If city accepts 3 per cent proposition and the furnishing of renewals:		$569.20
Less 3 per cent	$137.96	
Less 5 per cent	85.24	223.20
If city accepts 5 per cent proposition and the furnishing of renewals:		$569.20
Less 5 per cent	$220.94	
Less 15 per cent	85.24	315.18
		$253.02

As to whether this proposed agreement for street lighting is to be for 17 years, or for 10 years, is to depend upon the decision of the federal court in its determination as to the term of the contract now in litigation.

The citizens of Roseburg at a mass meeting adopted resolutions opposing any move that may be made in the directions of placing the Oregon and California railroad lands in a national or state reserve, as such a move would tie the lands up an indefinite number of years and deprive the county of thousands of dollars of taxes.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS" BIOGRAPH FEATURE AT PAGE THEATER.

Franklin Ritchie and Louise Vale head an unusually strong cast in the Biograph drama "Under Two Flags," from the celebrated novel by Quida. This three part production is one of the strongest Biograph features ever produced. The play has successfully toured the country for several seasons and more than five million copies of the novel have been in circulation. "Under Two Flags" will be one of the features of the program at the Page Monday and Tuesday.

News From Our Neighbors

TABLE ROCK TABLETS

Mrs. O. Pendland and daughter, Miss Flora Adkins of Talent, spent Saturday and Sunday in Table Rock.

Miss Clara Colins is spending the week visiting friends in Medford.

Clarence Middlebusher who has been employed at the Vincent ranch for some time has returned to his homestead near Trail to take care of his hay crop.

W. R. Byrum and family went to Applegate Monday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Saltmarsh who is reported to be in a critical condition.

Miss Eva Beebe and Miss Marie Nealon are spending the week at Crater Lake, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sage.

Ed Vincent who is an all around athlete is instructing a class of young people in the art of swimming.

The young peach orchard on the Emig ranch has a fine crop this year and through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers who have a lease on the ranch some this delicious fruit has reached several tables in this vicinity.

Bud Gage of Oebenger Gap was down this way with his new binder and pulled into the Carlton ranch to cut a piece of wheat but soon pulled out again admitting that the grain in this locality was too rank for him.

Boudinot Conner has been quite busy lately in the vicinity of Medford defending his title of champion tennis player of southern Oregon.

The harvest is on in earnest in this district and every able modied man and horse is pressed into service.

The ball team will journey to Jacksonville Sunday to play the lastt game of the series with the team at that place, as eae hteam has a game to its credit this will probably be a game worth seeing.

Probably some of the rankest grain in the valley was grown in this district this season consequently the binders are all about a week behind their schedules and parties waiting to have their grain cut are getting impatient.

Harry Nealon has applied for membership in the Ford club and if he has the necessary funds about the first of August will become a full fledged member.

James Reese has sold his entire berry crop to the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association.

The news of the passing of two of of sturdy pioneers, Vinton Beal and George Jackson, was received with regret in this district where both were well known.

Perhaps the loss is more keenly felt by our older settlers who being here when the valley had fewer inhabitants and every one knew his neighbor, had a better chance to know their many sterling qualities.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK.

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In that communication the United States government vigorously asserted its position that even if the American ship carried contraband of war, it was peculiarly protected from destruction by the stipulations of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828. Flax, which was being carried by the Leelanaw, was declared absolute contraband by Germany on April 18 as retaliation against the British contraband declaration. While precedents of international law in recent years, supported particularly by the Declaration of London, have recognized the right of a belligerent to sink a neutral vessel carrying contraband if the ship was certain of condemnation by a prize court, the action has been limited to extreme cases of necessity when the taking of a prize into port would involve danger to the vessel making the capture.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Local police are on the lookout for violators of speed regulations within city limits. Saturday night, watching for such in the vicinity of the Methodist church corner, their vigils were rewarded by the halting of several who were called upon to make satisfactory explanations for going at a joyride pace. A party from Medford, giving the name of Frank McRay, for burning the midnight oil at too rapid a gait, was penalized in the sum of $5. Others will follow in his wake only to find themselves fined accordingly.

In addition to No. 13, the Laundrymen's special was held up here for several hours owing to the wreck east of town, last Friday. They might have gotten out a large wash in the meantime, and were even denied a trip about the city for fear that their train would depart any minute. As a result "collars and cuffs" were a trifle disappointed over the holdup here.

Box lunches are now served on Nos. 12 and 16, 14, 15, 53 and 54, over the Shasta route. Lunch cabinets have been installed on five coaches of Nos. 15 and 16, a waiter being in charge who goes through the tourist and day coaches, taking "short orders" for coffee, sandwiches and other light refreshments.

The fish and game commission's car, "Rainbow," passed through Saturday afternoon, southbound for the hatchery at Sisson, after 100,000 brook trout which will be taken to Glendale, Ore., to be turned loose in streams tributary to that territory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doe (they wouldn't divulge their proper names) struck town Saturday evening, bound for Seattle to San Francisco, taking in Yosemite park en route. Nominally on a hiking trip, they admitted taking advantage of such proffered transportation by auto or other conveyance on the way, such courtesies being thanwfully received. They carried the minimum of marching equipment and were making no records.

Conductor Louis Hilty in the passenger service, who has recently undergone an operation at the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco, planned to leave that city on July 25 for San Diego and other Southern California points, thus extending his vacation before returning to duty on the Ashland-Red Bluff run.

B. L. Winchell, director of traffic on the Union Pacific, accompanied by Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager of the same system, were in Ashland Sunday on their way to San Francisco.

About as dull a bunch of excursionists as ever passed through here were the Boston Elks, totally devoid of enthusiasm and unresponsive to proffered courtesies such as won from all other organizations a spontaneous acknowledgment. A baked bean and brown bread garage ought to be installed as an annex to the exhibit building, in the hopes of awakening a responsive chord among the New Englanders.

H. P. Holmes, groceryman and florist, decorated his store last Saturday with the finest sweet pea exhibit on record here. There were 36 varieties as to distinct foliage, and over 50 receptacles were used in displaying these in addition to a number of blended exhibits. The blossoms were all from his home premises on Manzanita street.

John W. Hunt of Portland, son of A. F. Hunt, and member of the livestock commission firm of Hunt & Sons, is a visitor among familiar scenes in Ashland, the family having formerly resided here.

George Kramer, S. P. agent, left on Sunday for Newport to join his family for a brief outing at the seaside.

Rev. H. A. Carnahan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, plans a trip to Crescent City this week for the benefit of Mrs. Carnahan's health, she being an invalid. The journey will be a leisurely one by team.

Frank Foltz, Southern Pacific store keeper, went to Dunsmuir on Friday to meet his wife and children upon their return from an exposition visit to San Francisco.

Word from Westwood, Cal., announces the serious illness of John Mosier, he having experienced a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Mosier and her niece, Miss Ruth Osmun, have been visiting in Iowa and Minnesota, but now are on their return to Westwood. The family recently resided here, Miss Osmun having been an operator in the local telephone exchange.

Mrs. George Purucker of Medford is visiting her son, H. O. Purucker, local representative of the Metropolitan Life.

Mrs. C. A. Eliason left early in the week for a week's outing at Newport with her daughters, Mrs. Geo. Kramer and Miss Bertha Eliason, who preceded her there.

Last Tuesday morning early, about a dozen boy scouts in full marching order left Ashland for a week's outing at Lake of the Woods. Among the number were Lloyd Crowson, Clark Payne, Dwight Gregg, Harry Silver, John Stout, George Gray and Donald Dickerson. They hiked all the way, reaching the lake Wednesday evening, the distance being nearly 40 miles. Jay Crowson, fother of Lloyd went along, also Ira Johnson as teamster who hauled the supplies. Rev. A. R. Blackstone, pastor of the Baptist church, commanded the brigade. They had hardly struck camp when young Crowson, 12 years old, cut his knee with an ax while foraging for wood. Living up to the traditions of the organization, the hospital corps dressed the wound, doing a skillful job in surgery as devolpments showed upon the lad's arrival here. He is not seriously injured, but the measure of disappointment is great awing to his being compelled to forego the pleasures of the outing.

The Methodists held an al fresco prayer meeting on the parsnoage lawn last Thursday evening ,with reserved seat and electric light accompaniments. The hour of prayer was followed by a plunge, led by the perspiring pastor, at the Helman baths.

Charley Lindsey, on his broad acres in the Dead Indian section, which tract embraces about 2000 acres, is pasturing a lot of stock on the premises, including over 50 mules and a number of horses which are taking a summer vacation from strenuous labors on the Pacific highway, especially the Siskiyou mountain section. They are the property of contractors on that job.

Jim Whyte of Medford, an official of the Oregon Gas and Electric Co., was in town several days last week on business matters connected with the corporation.

Local stockholders of the Universal Metallic Tie Co., a corporation with headquarters at Salt Lake, formed for the purpose of exploiting a novelty in the way of improved railroad tie, are receiving notices of assessment on teh common stock of the concern. There was about $30,000 worth of shares disposed of in territory extending from this city to Grants Pass, and originally the shares were listed on the Ashland stock exchange at $5 par value. This assessment is payable on or before Aug. 20, 1915. Ed Hughes promoted the enterprise throughout the valley, most of the stock having been disposed of at $2.50 per share.

Sim Morris of the Ashland garage, is receiving a visit from his mother, Mrs. Alice Morris and sister, Mrs. Ruth Gowen, both of Klamath Falls, who formerly resided here.

Jake Casebeer, accompanied by Ralph Hedges, and Lynn Purdin of the Record office, started Thursday last for a week's fishing in Butte creek waters. The party went in Jake's big Michigan car, equipped for a protracted siege in the wilds of that section. George Watson, who was to have gone along, was detained on account of work on the job of painting the West Side schoolhouse red.

The lithia water appartaus, installed at the exhibit building, is the leading attraction among tourists these hot summer days.

John W. Curry, representing the bureau census, deparatment of commerce, with headquarters at Washington, is in Ashland on federal official business. He formerly resided in Medford.

Sam Howard comedian, who created "a big laugh" at the Vining last Thursday night, took occasion while here to renew the acquaintance of Lynn Purdin, an old time associate of Sam on the Oregon-California repertoire circuits in the early days, when the duo pulled off some extra comic and melodramatic stunts before the era of moving picture films.

The local school district is in the market for sixty cords of fir wood, delvery to be made on the West Side grounds on or before Oct. 1, 1915.

H. Cleary, a civil engineer of Boston, where he is engaged in elevated railway and subway construction contracts, was in the city the last of the week for a brief visit on business matters. He was on his return from the Mazama excursion to Mt. Shasta which peak he climbed last Thursday in company with three ladies and two men. Mr. Cleary was one of the party which visited Crater Lake and stopped over here previous to joining the main body of mountain climbers in the Shasta region. On his way to Portland he was to have decided the matter of climbing Mt. Ranier.

CREMATING DEAD ON MEXICAN BATTLEFIELD

LAREDO, Texas, July 26.—Sunday was devoted to cremating and burying the bodies of the dead on the battlefields about Icamole and Villa Garcia, near Monterey. It was estimated that about 1000 men were killed in the fighting around those places last week.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 26.—Damage estimated at $250,000 was caused today by a fire which destroyed the Wilbur Lumber company, the plants of Armour and company, Nelson, Morris and company, Forsythe and Davis paper warehouse, Janses, Roberts Chemical company and several dwellings.

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