

\$10,563 SPENT ON FOREST FIRES BY COUNTY OWNERS

The Jackson County Fire Patrol association held its annual meeting on May 3 at the United States forestry service office, in this city, for the election of officers and a board of directors for the ensuing year. W. T. Grieve was chosen president, P. V. Medynski vice president and Lincoln McCormack secretary-treasurer. A board of directors was elected as follows: W. T. Grieve, H. T. Mills, H. L. Walther, F. V. Medynski and Frank G. Owen.

The secretary-treasurer's report covering the period from March 15, 1915 to May 1, 1916, shows assessments and appropriations collected to aggregate \$12,326.25; disbursements, \$10,563.49; cash on hand, \$1762.76. There are no liabilities. The acreage included in the membership is 233,106.48; O. & C. lands, 268,946.15. Total acreage patrolled by the association, 501, 146.63.

Number of patrolmen employed last year was 21. Fires fought, 247, at a cost of \$5562.48. Added to this cost is the sum of the patrolmen's salaries.

Methods Being Improved.
There are 487 members in the association. The cost of conducting the association, outside of fire-fighting and patrolmen's salaries, is 6.6 per cent of the amount of collections by the association.

The attention of the members of the association was particularly directed to the necessity of burning all slashings immediately.

A meeting of the secretaries of all county fire patrol associations of the state convened in Portland today and probably will conclude tomorrow, under the auspices of the Oregon Fire Patrol association. Its object is to arrive at uniform methods of employing fire fighters and patrolmen and also of conducting various offices in respect to bookkeeping and collections.

The board of directors of the Jackson County Fire Patrol association will hold its meetings in the first week in June for the purpose of appointing patrolmen and levying assessments for the present season.

The association will direct special care to the prevention of fires that occur through negligence and indifference and probably will apply a system this year that will greatly improve conditions in that respect. It is probable that new measures will be employed to command respect for the law in this particular.

NOTE SATISFACTORY TO BERNSTORFF

NEW YORK, May 5.—Count Johann Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, received the note by telegram from the Navyville wireless station in his suite at the Ritz-Carlton hotel. He refused to discuss it.

It is known, however, that the German embassy view is that the note is all for which the United States asked that it signifies a return to what has been termed "cruiser warfare"—that is the operation of submarines as employers, intercepting commerce with visit and search. The embassy view is that inasmuch as no mention was made in the note of the question of any complicating features.

VETERAN ARRESTED UPON ARSON CHARGE

BELLINGHAM, Wash. May 5.—A. A. Rogers, a resident of this county for the past thirty years and a veteran of the Civil war, was arrested today on the charge of arson. Rogers was taken into custody after Mrs. Minnie Harland, aged 77, was arrested for setting fire to the home of George Titum last night.

The woman, who is the mother of five children, was taken in charge after she left the building dressed in man's clothing. According to the police she confessed the crime and implicated Rogers and two others who are now being sought. She is said to have told the officers she was promised \$500 at the insurance money for starting the fire.

ATTENTION A. E. & A. M.
Special communication this evening at 8 P. M. for the purpose of conferring the P. C. degree. All Masons cordially invited. A. N. HILDEBRAND, Secretary.

COMMITTEES TO AID IN SECURING VALLEY INDUSTRIES

Committees were appointed yesterday by the Medford Commercial club, the Jackson County Business Men's association and the Greater Medford club, whose duties it will be to co-operate in the matter of promoting several important matters in the form of industrial propositions now before the business people of Medford and the entire valley, are as follows:

In the matter of taking up careful consideration of the amendment proposition the Commercial club has appointed C. L. Scheffelin, C. W. McDonald and S. C. Butterfield.

In the matter of the bond election and the railroad project to the Blue Lodge mining district, it has appointed C. M. Thomas, C. E. Gates and J. A. Perry.

To co-operate with these committees the Jackson County Business Men's association has appointed C. S. Butterfield, William Isaacs and C. M. Kidd.

To co-operate with these committees also the Greater Medford club has appointed as a committee Mrs. C. L. Scheffelin, Mrs. Jap Andrews and Mrs. F. E. Merrick.

These committees will get conjointly in all of these matters. A general committee meeting will be held soon for a conference on the propositions in hand.

CAPITAL HOLDS TWO VIEWS

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man note created an unfavorable impression, officials took the position that the language was immaterial if the guarantees were real.

No Orders Issued.
Germany's declaration that she has issued new orders to submarine commanders not to attack without warning "merchant vessels recognized by international law," was considered the chief point. The German view of merchant vessels as defined in its declaration of February 8 of its purpose to sink armed ships without warning, and the American view as defined in the armed ship memorandum made public recently, differ in several points.

Some officials believed that for this reason the controversy had now come to the point where Germany's future action would determine the course of the United States.

The refusal of the German government openly to admit the attack on the Sussex was considered only incidental to the main issue.

No Announcement.
Until President Wilson himself decides whether the German note is acceptable, there will be no announcement of the attitude of the government.

Congress received the note quietly, with members expressing a variety of views. Senators of the foreign relations committee uniformly refrained from comment. Others thought the reply favorable; some were doubtful and some others thought it has not advanced the negotiations toward settlement at all. On the surface there were no indications of activity in the group which has opposed the president's policy of pressing his demands.

THREATS FOR GREAT BRITAIN AMBASSADOR



Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British ambassador at Washington, has received an anonymous letter threatening him with death if Sir Roger Casement, accused as a traitor, is treated other than as a "prisoner of war." Similar threats against Sir Cecil have been received in New York.

NORWAY DESTROYS FALLEN ZEPPELIN

COPENHAGEN, May 5.—The military authorities at Stavanger, Norway, blew up the Zeppelin L-29 yesterday when it began to roll dangerously in a strong wind. Soldiers fired upon the airship from a distance of sixty yards. The Zeppelin exploded with great detonation and was burned.

The L-29 was one of the squadron of Zeppelins which raided the east coast of England and Scotland Tuesday night. On her return journey she was blown ashore on the Norwegian coast, hurled against a mountainside and wrecked.

20,000 OUT IN STRIKE AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 5.—One thousand employees of the Western Foundry company struck today, supposedly in sympathy with the 11,000 strikers at the International Harvester company plants. It is understood a reduction in hours and an increase in wages will be asked.

Mother Jones addressed the harvester company strikers today, advising them not to return to work until their demands had been granted.

It is estimated that there are 20,000 workers on strike here.

SUGAR ADVANCES ANOTHER 10 CENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—All records were broken in the local wholesale market today when sugar advanced 10 cents per hundred pounds, but it was announced that still another advance, amounting to 15 cents, would be made tomorrow. Sugar sold today at \$8.25 and here at \$8.35.

BRITISH RELEASE GERMAN SEIZED ON STEAMER CHINA

LONDON, May 5.—The British government has decided to release the thirty-eight Germans and Austrians who were taken from the American steamship China.

The release of these men will be ordered immediately. The Germans and Austrians were removed from the China by the British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic on February 19 while the China was en route from Shanghai to San Francisco. The United States requested Great Britain to release these men and being met with a declination, sent a second note.

The British authorities charged that the thirty-eight men were concerned in a plot for a revolution in India.

The McCurdy Insurance agency now represents the Iowa State Live Stock Insurance company. Offices Medford National Bank bldg.

NAVAL RESERVE OFFFORMER OFFICERS MEETS APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The senate naval committee today approved the navy department's bill for a naval reserve of former officers and enlisted men, available merchantmen officers, sailors and other persons whose occupations fit them to enroll for war duty. An auxiliary naval reserve class comprising the personnel of listed auxiliaries would get retainer pay under the bill.

The report says it is desirable that Americans run the naval auxiliary ships and that although no active periodical training would be required, they would be expected to be familiar with navy signalling, maneuvers and discipline.

A coast defense reserve would take in persons whose occupations fit them for naval coast defense work, mining ships, submarine chasers and radio operation. The bill appropriates \$30,000 for school purposes in that connection and the report says a

coast defense organization could be maintained in every American seaport.

A volunteer reserve would include persons willing to train without compensation for war duty.



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<h3>Muslin</h3> <p>36-inch Bleached Muslin, cheap today at 10c, sale price, yard..... 8c</p>	<h3>Cambric</h3> <p>36-inch fine grade Cambric worth today 12 1/2c, sale price, yard..... 9c</p>
<h3>Wash Skirts</h3> <p>New styles, made of good linen, worth \$3, sale price, each..... \$1.98</p>	<h3>Shirt Waists</h3> <p>100 new Shirt Waists, made of fine voiles, up to \$2 val., each..... \$1.00</p>
<h3>Bath Towels</h3> <p>Extra large size, cheap at 35c, sale price, each..... 25c</p>	<h3>Dimities</h3> <p>New patterns, in stripes and checks, 15c val., nos, yard..... 10c</p>
<h3>Val Laces</h3> <p>5000 yards fine Val Laces, good widths, up to 15c values, yard..... 5c</p>	<h3>Corsets</h3> <p>100 pairs new Model, all sizes, \$1.00 grade, pair..... 59c</p>
<h3>Neckwear</h3> <p>New styles, fine quality, worth 35c, sale price, each..... 25c</p>	<h3>Towels</h3> <p>Cotton Towels, good size, worth 8c, now at, each..... 4c</p>
<h3>India Linon</h3> <p>Fine quality, good width, cheap at 10c, now, per yard..... 8c</p>	<h3>Underwear</h3> <p>Women's Vests, all sizes, up to 15c values, 10c now..... 10c</p>
<h3>Table Linen</h3> <p>Mercurized, full width, worth 65c, sale price, 48c yard..... 48c</p>	<h3>Sheets</h3> <p>81x90 Bleached Sheets, 85c values, sale price, 69c each..... 69c</p>
<h3>Flouncing</h3> <p>18 inches wide, up to 75c values, sale price, 39c yard..... 39c</p>	<h3>Net Flouncing</h3> <p>27 inches wide, up to \$2.00 values, sale price, 98c yard..... 98c</p>
<h3>Corsets</h3> <p>Flesh colored, in all sizes, a good \$2 grade, pair..... 98c</p>	<h3>Envelope Chemise</h3> <p>All sizes, good quality, worth \$1.00, sale price, each..... 89c</p>
<h3>White Skirts</h3> <p>Made of fine cambric, \$1 values, now at, each..... 79c</p>	<h3>Handkerchiefs</h3> <p>For women and children, all linen, special, each..... 5c</p>
<h3>Scrim</h3> <p>In white and color, worth 20c, sale price, per yard..... 15c</p>	<h3>Swiss</h3> <p>For curtains, worth 18c, sale price, yard..... 12 1/2c</p>
<h3>Long Cloth</h3> <p>Full 12-yard bolts, 36 in. wide, worth \$1.25, sale price, bolt..... 98c</p>	<h3>Embroidery</h3> <p>1000 yards fine Cambric and Swiss Emb's, 15c values, yard..... 5c</p>
<h3>Bedspreads</h3> <p>Full size, good \$1.25 grade, new patterns, sale price, each..... 89c</p>	<h3>Towels</h3> <p>25 doz. Huck Towels, worth today 15c, our price, each..... 10c</p>
<h3>Pillow Slips</h3> <p>42 and 45-inch size, worth 18c, sale price, each..... 12 1/2c</p>	<h3>Corset Covers</h3> <p>Made of fine mainsook, nicely trimmed, this sale, each..... 29c</p>
<h3>Gaberdine</h3> <p>36 inches wide, fine quality, worth 35c, now, yard..... 28c</p>	<h3>Middy Blouses</h3> <p>Misses' and Women's sizes, good \$1 grade, this sale, each..... 79c</p>
<h3>Bath Towels</h3> <p>Fancy stripes, cheap today at 35c, now at, each..... 28c</p>	<h3>Pillow Slips</h3> <p>Linen finish, 42 and 45-in., 22c grade, now, each..... 18c</p>
<h3>Handkerchiefs</h3> <p>Good size, up to 5c values, this sale at, each..... 2c</p>	<h3>Filet Laces</h3> <p>New styles for trimming underwear, 25c val., nes, now, yard..... 15c</p>
<h3>Knit Union Suits</h3> <p>For children, all sizes, worth 50c, sale price, each..... 35c</p>	<h3>Night Gowns</h3> <p>All sizes, good 75c grade, very special at, each..... 59c</p>
<h3>Combination Suits</h3> <p>All sizes, well made, nicely trimmed, special, each..... 98c</p>	<h3>Embroidery</h3> <p>Wide widths, fine quality, up to 25c values, a yard..... 10c</p>
<h3>Tub Silks</h3> <p>For waists, in plain and stripes, \$1.25 grade, yard..... 98c</p>	<h3>White Corduroy</h3> <p>For skirts and coats, with \$1.50, sale price, yard..... 98c</p>

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