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Forest Fires Rage in the Northwest Great Loss of Life and Property.

Fierce forest fires have been raging throughout the Pacific Coast region, both in the United States and Canada. In the Elk River and Crows Nest country of British Columbia there have been millions of dollars in property destroyed by the greedy flames, thousands of acres of valuable timber and several towns being wiped out. Many lives have been lost and hundreds rendered homeless and calls for help have been sent to the Canadian Government.

Fires are also doing serious damage in the vicinity of Coos Bay, Marshfield having narrow escapes from destruction. Forest rangers and settlers have been almost powerless in the face of strong winds but it is now thought that they will soon have the fires subdued.

BIG YIELD OF GRAIN ON IRRIGATED LAND.

R. M. Wright of Sisters makes
Experiment.

Mr. R. M. Wright, of near Sisters experimented last year with Red Chaff wheat and Mammoth side-coats on land that had been carefully prepared and which was properly irrigated. The result was highly satisfactory as showing what may be expected when our lands are farmed as they should be. The yield of wheat, computed from the measured plot, was 45 bushels per acre and that of the oats 90 bushels of clean grain. Mr. Wright will sow a considerable acreage of both kinds of grain next season.

GEORGE A. PETIBONE DEAD.

Succumbing to the effects of an operation for cancer, George A. Petibone, the great labor leader, and one of the principal defendants in the famous Steunenberg murder trial, died August 3d in St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, Colo. His illness dates from his incarceration in the Idaho Penitentiary. He leaves a widow to mourn him.

HARRIMAN VISITS OREGON.

E. H. Harriman and family are now on the way to their summer resort in Klamath county and are expected to arrive within a few days at the Lodge on Pelican Bay where the heat of the summer is tempered by the cool waters of the lake and the breezes from the mountains. Mr. Harriman is building a hunting and fishing preserve that will be a source of pleasure to himself and his friends and in no other state of the Union could he have found so ideal a spot as "Pelican Bay".

JUDGE WILLIAM H. TAFT



Republican Nominee for President Who Pledges Himself to the
Roosevelt Policies.

Taft Delivers Speech of Acceptance in Cincinnati

**Talks on Politics, Outlines his Policies,
Champions Equal Rights to All.**

On July 28th Wm. H. Taft was formally notified of his nomination for president by the Republican party and from the porch of his brother "Charlie's" house in Cincinnati he delivered his speech of acceptance. A careful reading of the speech should convince one, who reads, that the "Roosevelt policies" can safely be entrusted to Mr. Taft and that he will faithfully carry them out if it be placed in his power so

to do. He was frank in dealing with the issues of the day. He favors publicity of campaign contributions, the election of the United States Senators by direct vote of the people, opposes the issuance of injunction without notice and hearing; he favors a reorganization of our judicial system in order that speedy justice may be had. He holds that in union is strength and that both Labor

and Capital have the right, under limitations, to unite and that the limitation should extend only to prevent restraint of trade and competition on the one hand and the destruction of property on the other. He favors the regulation of rail roads, the rigid enforcement of pure food laws, in promoting scientific agriculture, and in increasing the comforts of the home life on the farm by extending the Rural Free delivery.

He favors a reform currency system to be devised by a special currency commission. He favors a Postal Savings Bank under which the Government would be directly responsible to the depositor for both principal and interest. He favors tariff revision to meet present conditions. The key-note of the speech is "Equality before the Law" and the chief function of the next Administration "Roosevelt's Progressive Policies".

University Of Oregon Expands

New Buildings and Additional Faculty Are Added.

University of Oregon,
Eugene, July 27.-

The annual meeting of the Board of Regents was held Saturday in the President's office, in Villard Hall, with all members but one present. Additional land was purchased for the campus and committees appointed to investigate and arrange for the purchase of other tracts. \$10,000 was appropriated for library books, to be purchased as soon as possible. L. R. Alderman, a graduate of the University of Oregon, and at present city superintendent of the schools of Eugene, was elected assistant professor of Education; Dr. Hugo Koehler was elected instructor in German; Mr. James Currie, instructor in chemistry; Mrs. Ellen M. Pennel, instructor in English, and assistant dean of women; Miss Mozelle Hair, assistant instructor in English Literature, and Miss Mabel Cooper and Miss Marian Van Waters, assistants in the Correspondence School.

President Campbell was authorized to make a trip East at once in order, through personal investigation, to secure the very best possible men for the following positions: a head for the department of Geology, a librarian, a professor of Political Sciences, an associate professor of Civil Engineering, and an assistant professor of Psychology.

The president of the Board was authorized to construct a new building to be completed by the opening of the fall semester. The plans have already been drawn for one that will contain about fifteen rooms, and work will begin at once. It will greatly relieve the overcrowded condition of the other buildings. Several other new buildings will be constructed as soon as possible, but probably no work can be done until spring.

BOOTH-SINGLETON

LAND FRAUD CASE

Defendants Acquitted. Other Cases
Dismissed.

The defendants in the Booth-Singleton Land Fraud case have been acquitted by the jury in the Federal court and many of the pending cases will be dismissed as it is thought convictions can not be had. State Senator Robert A. Booth was exonerated of any connection in the fraud, the acquittal being unanimous on the first ballot. Senator Booth's emotions were very great, the tears rolling down his cheeks when he was thanking the jury for their verdict, so says the Oregonian.

The Binger Herman case will not be dismissed but will come up for trial in October when Mr. Heney will be in Portland and personally conduct the prosecution.