

## PREVENTION OF FIRES TO TRIM LIVING COSTS

### Fire Marshal Comments on Fire Losses

### REVEALS NEW MATTER

George W. Stokes Says Living Costs Can Be Lowered Materially by Lowering Waste Caused by Fire. Deputy Fire Marshal Inspecting Klamath Falls to Eliminate All Possible Fire Hazards.

State deputy fire marshalls George W. Stokes and Gilbert W. Allen of Salem are well on their way in investigating the entire city of Klamath Falls to remove fire hazards and enable the city officials to make a fire-free town. So far they have inspected the various box factories, mills and garages within the city limits.

The law granting authority to the state fire marshalls to investigate property is plain. It reads: "The state fire marshal, his deputies or assistants, upon the complaint of any person, or whenever he or they deem it necessary, shall inspect all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any of said officers shall find any building or other structure, which for want of repairs, lack of, or insufficient fire escapes, automatic or other fire alarm apparatus or fire extinguishing equipment, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or whenever such officers shall find in any building combustible or explosive matter or inflammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such buildings, he or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied. Such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such buildings or premises."

### Would Protect Owners.

In the entire investigation that the deputy fire marshalls are conducting in conjunction with Fire chief Miller the one idea is to protect the property owners, and in no way try to force the issue by falling back on the law. Mr. Stokes, who has made a complete study of the fire problem and losses over the country gave out the following information this morning, which links the prevention of fires with the smashing of the high cost of living.

"Lower the fire waste and you will lower the cost of living. Few peoples realize how directly the much discussed high cost of living is influenced by America's excessive fire waste."

### Fires Destroy Foodstuffs.

"A recent nation analysis of fires and fire causes has shown enormous destruction of common staples. Single fires in elevators and mills frequently consume the equivalent of a living for a small army of people. For example, a recent blaze in an Illinois elevator rendered 700,000 bushels of corn unfit for human food, and also destroyed 300,000 bushels of oats. Another big factor which might be prevented by proper precautions are grain fields ignited from locomotive sparks, and from the matches of careless smokers. It may be realized that a vast amount of food stuff is turned into clouds of smoke, instead of human bone and muscle. This inevitably has its effect upon the price of the remainder."

"Back of all of this loom the larger aspects of the situation. With an average of more than one reported fire for every minute of the year, and a daily destruction of \$600,000, the United States is subject to an economic drain that affects every detail of its business and social life and is a large, though unrecognized factor in the cost of all commodities. Furthermore, it cannot be overlooked that a vast number of people are interested in employment, and hence in our power, from the same cause. The historic panic of 1873 followed the Chicago conflagration of 1871 and that of Boston in 1872; while the

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## ACADEMY OPENS ON MONDAY FOR SCHOOL

School will be resumed at the Sacred Heart Academy on Monday morning September 8th. with every indication pointing to an increased enrollment over the past year, according to Fr. Hugh Marshall, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church.

Classes will be conducted by the Sisters of Charity who have had charge of the students during the past two years. Active school work will commence on Tuesday, Monday being given over to registration and arranging of the students in their various classes.

## SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Young America of Klamath Falls will lay aside baseball, glove, swimming suit and overalls for slate and textbooks for school opens Monday, September 8th. in the city schools.

Pupils of the various wards will assemble at their respective schools at 9 o'clock on Monday morning for classification and organization, according to R. H. Dunbar, superintendent of schools. Additional work will be required this year in arranging details of beginning active school work, in that all the text books have been changed. Parents are urged by Mr. Dunbar to have their children take their books with them to the book stores, as some allowance will be made in the exchange for the new books. History text for the seventh and eighth grades, geography and writing books for all grades will be the same for the ensuing year as last year.

### Active Work Starts Tuesday.

All pupils will be furnished with book lists prior to leaving the school building on Monday in order that they may have their supplies for the start of active work on Tuesday. Pupils in all wards are urged to assemble in the same rooms they occupied last year, until they can be moved up to the grades in which they belong. Unclassified and new pupils will be assigned as soon as possible, as will students who failed in one or two studies during the past year. At Mills Addition the same rooms will be occupied until the new building is completed. The boundary line between the Central and Riverside wards will remain at 8th Street.

Teachers of the different wards will meet in a general teacher's meeting Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Central Building at which time the work of the year will be outlined.

## "CRACKER-BOX" COOP PROVES NO ENIGMA FOR JAIL BREAKERS

For the third time Klamath county's "cracker-box" jail was broken open by the three prisoners, who have given the sheriff and his force unlimited trouble since their arrest some time ago. The prisoners, Will Grey, H. M. Chamberlain, and Floyd Barnes escaped Wednesday evening and were apprehended by Sheriff Humphrey and deputy sheriff, Allen Sloan last night several miles below Keno.

The men escaped by the usual method by removing one of the bars in the front of the west cell, which allowed the smaller of the three to wriggle through and then release his accomplices. The stone work is so old and crumbly that very little pressure is needed to work the iron window bars loose. Due to the prisoners' man hunts there are no prisoners at large at the present time.

### DANCING MASTER ARRIVES.

Prof. L. A. Hepburn arrived today from Bend, where he has been engaged in giving dancing lessons for the past five weeks. Prof. Hepburn has taught dancing to over 22,000 people, most of his time being devoted to giving instructions in army and navy circles. He is contemplating the organizing of classes in this city.

## MANY TEACHERS ENJOY SESSION

### Three-Day Teachers' Institute Proves Among the Most Interesting Conducted in Years—Physical Education Stressed Through Sessions.

Sessions of the three-day Teachers' Institute of Klamath County that closed yesterday afternoon in the assembly room of the Klamath Falls High School were among the most interesting and beneficial ever held, according to many of the teachers who attended the meetings.

Perhaps one of the outstanding features of the Institute was the stress that was laid on physical education and the enthusiasm which the local pedagogues showed in the addresses that were given on the subject. Physical education, in conjunction with mental training, will be a part of the Klamath County school curricula this year.

### Physical Training Stressed.

"Educators all over the country are realizing the value of physical training in education," said Professor Hargiss, athletic director at the Oregon Agricultural College, who covered the physical education side during the Institute. "Experiences has taught educators that a sound body is, in the majority of cases, the forerunner of a sound mind. Often the neglect of body building paves the way for a mental invalid in later years."

The united joining of the teachers of the Oregon State Teacher's Association, showed in the opinion of many who attended the Institute, that the teachers are ready to band themselves together for the betterment of their profession. Both J. H. Ackerman, president of the Monmouth Normal School, and J. A. Churchill, State superintendent of Schools, stressed the various needs of education throughout the country.

### Education Sun Rising.

"The Educational sun is a rising sun, not a setting sun," said Mr. Ackerman on Tuesday. "There is need—crying need of the banding together of the teachers over the county. Without organization there can be little accomplishment in the big program that education has before it during the coming years."

Yesterday's program was given over to addresses by the Misses Hager, Currian, and Applegate. General topics of education were discussed by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Ackerman, followed by a special lecture by Professor Hargiss on Physical Education. A meeting was held of the Klamath County Teacher's Association in the afternoon.

## WILSON ASSURES LABOR MEETING

### President Agrees to Bring About Conference Between Steel Workers and U. S. Steel Corporation to Avoid Impending Strike.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—President Wilson has agreed to bring about a conference between the representatives of the steel workers and the United States Steel Corporation in an effort to avoid the strike.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, telegraphed President Wilson today asking whether the conference could be arranged next Tuesday, when the Presidents of 24 international unions in steel industry will meet to take action on the matter.

### OREGON LEAVES FOR NORTH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—The historic battleship Oregon from whose decks Secretary of Navy Daniels recently reviewed the Pacific Fleet, left for the Columbia River today. It will await the coming of Secretary Daniels.

## WEATHER COOL OVER OREGON

### Despite Light Rains of Past Week, Pastures Continue Dry, According to the Weekly Crop Report for This State.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 5.—Light showers and cooler weather over most of Oregon partly cleared the air of smoke during the latter part of last week and checked the spread of forest fires, but were too light to extinguish them, according to the weekly crop report of the weather bureau here. The showers were insufficient to materially retard farming operations, revive vegetation or facilitate plowing. The scarcity of water for irrigation and stock continues. Work has been somewhat retarded by lack of help.

Thrashing continues in most sections but is complete in some localities. Very little plowing for winter wheat has been done, owing to the soil being too dry, but in Wasco county some wheat has been sown on summer-fallowed land. Corn needs rain and in some localities will be a very poor crop but in others it is approaching normal maturity and promises good yields.

Gathering of pears, peaches, early apples and evergreen blackberries continues with results generally satisfactory except that unirrigated fruit is small. Winter apples are growing well in most commercial apple districts. Picking of prunes has been completed in some eastern localities, is in progress in southern Oregon and will begin in the Willamette valley this week.

Some third crop alfalfa has been cut in Umatilla county. Alfalfa where well watered, is doing well. Pastures and ranges continue very dry and reports of thin stock are coming from many localities. Some stock is being brought in earlier than usual owing to lack of feed and water on the range.

Hop picking is in progress in Clackamas county and will begin in Polk county this week. Potatoes are mostly mature; some have ripened prematurely owing to the drought. Tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and melons continue plentiful in sections where the drought is not too severe.

### MRS. HAGUE RETURNS.

Mrs. L. B. Hague was at her desk in her public stenographic office this morning after a ten days business and pleasure trip to Portland. Mrs. Hague reports a fine time and that she saw many Klamath people in the Rose city during her visit. While away Mrs. Hague purchased several typewriters which she plans on renting to high school people at a reduced rate.

## CAPTAIN APPLIGATE CLIMBS MOUNT PITT

Captain O. C. Applegate with his son, Oliver C. Applegate Jr. returned to Klamath Falls Thursday after climbing Mt. Pitt. Various surveys of this mountain place its height from 9,650 to 10,300 feet. For 100 miles in any direction the famous peak has no rival.

The Captain and his son journeyed to Rocky Point and from there they started for the mountain at 1:00 o'clock, carrying a pack weighing 35 pounds. The first day they made their camp on the way to Four Mile Lake, and the second night found the pair at an elevation of 7000 feet, on the side of Mt. Pitt. The Captain said that by that time they felt they had climbed twice that distance.

They reached the summit on the third day. After exploring the ranger's cabin, which is chained to the rocks on the highest peak, the father and son made their way down the trail for about 4000 feet.

Some of the ground they passed over was traveled fifty years ago by Captain Applegate and his Indian scouts. In fact he built part of the Four-Mile road at that time. Although Captain Applegate is a good many years older than his son, he found no difficulty in keeping pace with his boy on their long hike.

## ALLIED GENERALS ON WAY TO FIUME

PARIS, Sept. 5.—It is understood that a commission of allied generals has been sent to Fiume to investigate the recent disturbances in which several French soldiers were killed.

Recommendation has been made that public order be maintained in Fiume by the American and British police forces, which will include the American Marines.

## POLICE ARREST LAW BREAKERS

### Nineteen Automobile Drivers Fined in Court for Violating Traffic Ordinances—Safety of Public Endangered by Autoists.

Nineteen automobile speeders and traffic violators have been caught and fined in court during the past few days in an organized campaign conducted by the city police officials to free Klamath Falls from the nuisances that have been practiced for many months.

The violators of the traffic laws had become so numerous during the past few months that officials charged with the enforcement of traffic regulations could no longer ignore the demands of the law-abiding citizens, who insisted that something be done to minimize the menaces to public safety.

"The situation had reached such extremes that the city officials had to act to protect the public," said Police Judge A. L. Leavitt, in discussing the matter. "Especially was there danger with the coming opening of school, when the streets would be crowded with school children. It is hoped that the move is not of the flash-in-the-pan nature that has characterized the enforcement of traffic regulations in the past."

In all \$157 in fines were levied against the offenders by Police Judge Leavitt. The offenders, coupled with their offense and fines levied, are as follows: Carl Newbury, speeding, \$10; Josie Low, cutting corners, \$5; E. H. Jefferson, speeding, \$10; C. W. Judkins, speeding, \$10; L. D. Stephenson, speeding, \$7; Gordon Quinby, speeding, \$10; R. C. Short, cutting corners, \$5; Sam Dixon, blocking traffic, \$5; D. K. McDonald, speeding, \$10; W. C. McMillan, cut-out open, \$5; Allen Vogt, cutting corners, \$5; W. D. Miller, speeding, \$10; F. H. Nolts, speeding, \$10, and Messrs. Howie, McKim and Welch, speeding, \$10.

## 24 ROUNDS OF BOXING ASSURED THIS MONTH

The ten-round boxing match between Harry Kranz of Seattle, Wash. and Toby Miller of Oakland, Calif., to be staged at the opera house on September 15th, should have a tendency to revive interest in the boxing game in this vicinity, according to local sportsmen.

The welterweight championship will be at stake, and if Kranz defends it as well as he did when pitted against Jack and Mike 'Twin' Sullivan, Mantell, Howard Baker, and others, it is a foregone conclusion that it will prove to be a rapid-fire contest.

Toby Miller's recent performances here are still fresh in the minds of the fans, and the returned soldier is sure to give a good account of himself.

The balance of a twenty-four-round card will be announced later, and if a suitable opponent for Earl Ritchie can be selected, the local heavyweight will be seen in action.

Merle Houston has been an active producer of entertainment here, and will make every effort to revive the game to the popularity it enjoyed in 1910, 1911 and 1912.

## WARSHIPS ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON IN PORTLAND.

ASTORIA, Sept. 5.—The Cruiser Birmingham, commanded by Rear Admiral Beatty, accompanied by six destroyers departed for Portland, where they are due to arrive this afternoon. Sixty four officers and 1,200 men are on the warships.

## WILSON LASHES OPPONENTS OF PEACE TREATY

### President Asks Opposition to Show the Way

### SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

### Executive Says that International Interests of the United States Have Reached Far Into European Affairs—Declares That if Nation Minded Its Own Business Soon Would Have No Other Business.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 5.—"Let those who object to the Treaty of Peace show that they are not contemptible quitters by seeing this game thru," said President Wilson in his second address of his country-wide tour. He spoke this noon at a luncheon given in his honor, and will make his address tonight at the coliseum.

The President said that those who objected to the Treaty should show how else peace can be guaranteed than by the present treaty text. He further declared that the international interests of the United States reached far into European affairs. If the nation only "minded its own business, it soon would have no other business," said the chief executive.

### Has Faith in Japan

"I have no doubt that Japan will fill its Shantung promise by returning the province in the course of time," said President Wilson in discussing the issue that has caused a furor of talk in the Senate. "America can never attain its full measure of nationalism without fulfilling its part in the family of nations."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Republican Senator Sherman of Illinois attacked President Wilson's declaration made yesterday at Columbus that the International Labor Conference would be held next month regardless whether the treaty was ratified.

The Illinois senator said the President showed a contempt for the law. "Public officials have been impeached for less flagrant violation of the laws than the plan to have alien representatives assembly under a treaty which has not been ratified," declared Sherman.

## WILL OPEN HIGHWAY BIDS IN PORTLAND ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

Specifications have been received at the local office of the State highway commission for the bids that will be opened on September 9th. at the Multnomah County court house in Portland for the paving of the road from Klamath Falls to the Klamath Indian Reservation.

In all five and six-tenth miles of paving will be built. Specifications call for two and three-tenths miles of cinder macadam. The road is twelve and three tenths miles in length.

Work on the new road is to be completed by May 31, 1920. Specifications can be secured at the office of the local highway commission by applying to C. A. Yeighton, office engineer.

## GALLOWAY RETURNS FROM STATE OFFICE

SALEM, Sept. 5.—Charles V. Galloway, state tax commissioner since 1909, resigned today, to take effect sometime prior to September 30th.

He will accept a position in a Portland bank at an increased salary. The legislature recently refused to raise Galloway's salary. Frank K. Lovell, Secretary of the state tax commission, will be his successor. County Assessor Fisher of Linn Co. will take the office of Secretary of the tax commission.