

BRIEF NEWS —OF— KLAMATH

Back After 20 Years—

Mrs. E. True Shattuck and two daughters, Vera and Velma, of Corvallis are the house guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg. This is the first visit Mrs. Shattuck has made to Klamath Falls since leaving here twenty years ago and she was very much surprised at the changes that have taken place here during her absence. Mr. Shattuck, who died a few years ago, was manager for the old Linkville Light and Water company at the time they made their home in this city.

Miss Patton Leaves—

After a vacation visit here Miss Ruth Patton will leave tomorrow for her home in Marietta, Ohio, where she will resume her duties as a teacher in the high school. While here Miss Patton visited her mother and her sister, Mrs. Jay Fairclough, who resides on the Merrill road. For several years Miss Patton was employed as a teacher at the Riverdale school in Klamath Falls.

Child Travels Alone—

Little Josephine Baker, twelve years old, will arrive here tomorrow night from Milwaukee, Wis., where she has been living for the past 18 months with relatives. She is making the long trip all by herself and according to word which reached her mother, Mrs. Helen Baker, who resides in the McCarthy apartments, the little tot has gotten on famously.

Herder Pays Fine—

Edward Filley, sheep herder for Wright & Donnelly, accepted responsibility for a fire in the Fort Rock district last week, according to forest service officials. He was fined \$5 and paid costs of \$5.50 which covered the mileage for the fire fighters sent to the scene of the fire.

Leave for South—

Miss Esther McAndrews and Miss Veronice McAndrews left Thursday for California. Miss Esther will journey to Santa Barbara where she will teach school during the coming year; and Miss Veronice will go to San Rafael to enter on her junior year at the San Rafael college.

Al Smith is Challenged to Joint Debate by Will Rogers



New York, August 15.—Will Rogers today issued another defi to his political opponents in his campaign for president as the candidate of the Anti-Bunk party. Following his challenge to joint debate, sent last week to Herbert Hoover, Rogers has thrown down the gauntlet to Al Smith. In a letter received at Smith headquarters here today, Rogers also challenges the Democratic nominee. His letter follows:

Dear Friend Al:

Now this is the open season for Debates, and I believe you and I could put on about as good a one as one of these others. So I hereby challenge you the way I challenged the other fellow last week.

Now the trouble with most Debates, they are confined to a subject. Now we won't let that worry us, we'll just rent Madison Square Garden. All we do is sell tickets, and let the money go to poor Democratic widows who have given their husbands' lives to trying to get elected to some office in the Democratic party. Those are the most deserving women I know of.

And there's Farm relief. You know how a Farmer votes. When he gets to the polls he reaches in his pocket and sees how much he's got. If it's only a few cents why he says "Throw the rascals out," and he votes Democratic. But if he's got as much as a dollar he guesses that the rascals is on his side after all, so maybe he'd better leave 'em in.

I wrote Hoover and challenged him. But he wanted to make it over the radio. Hoover wants to get on the radio where they can't see him. But with you it's different. You want the gang to see you. You want to make your appeal to the common people. Well you can't make any commoner appeal than I can.

So come on, be a good fellow Al, and name the time, place and subject (if any). You and I can pack 'em in.

So long Al, and good luck to you till we meet in debate.

Yours,
Will.

Candidate of the Anti-Bunk Party, without campaign buttons or cigars.

Fire Controlled—

A fire in the Dog Lake section in Lake county that for two days gave every threat of being a disastrous conflagration, was brought under control late last evening by forest service crews after it had covered an area of some 200 acres. The fire area was just west of the Albertson reservoir southwest of Dog Lake and 26 miles southwest of Lakeview. The fire was reported by lookouts at 9:40 Tuesday morning and within a few hours several men were fighting the blaze which gained rapid headway. Tuesday afternoon some fifty men had been rushed to the threatened area and the fire itself had run a distance of more than a mile through choice yellow pine timber.—Lakeview Examiner.

Spend Week-end at Point—

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cleghorn and daughters, Betty and Katharine, will leave tonight for their summer home at Rocky Point to spend the week-end. They will have as their guests the Misses Jane and Roberta Bedford.

Booth Here Yesterday—

R. A. Booth, of the Booth Kelly Lumber company, and one time member of the state highway commission, was a visitor in Klamath Falls yesterday enroute to Lakeview in the interests of his company.

Visits From California—

Miss Pearl Dow is visiting her family and friends this week before returning to her home in San Francisco.

New Fires—

With the exception of a small fire reported on Ginko creek in the Prospect district of the Crater national forest, the forest fire situation in Jackson county remains in the same satisfactory condition that it has for the past two days. The new fire was reported this morning and is expected to be under control by late afternoon. All other fires in the county have been under control for the past two days.—Medford Tribune.

At Siemens Home—

Mrs. Bertha Wagenbach, sister of Captain J. W. Siemens, who has been a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Siemens for the past month will leave soon for her home in St. Louis.

To Build Lodge—

A permit was granted this week by the Crater national forest to William Mooney of Prospect to construct a hunting lodge in the forest boundaries above Woodruff Meadows not far from the Crater Lake highway. In the Lake of the Woods section of the forest, permission was granted to E. A. Dunham of Klamath Falls to acquire a lot from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watkins of Ashland. A permit for the use of a lot at the lake was also granted to R. S. Fish of Talent.—Medford Tribune.

Klamath Band to Play—

That the Round-Up and Railroad Jubilee will have the best of band music is now assured with the securing of the Klamath Falls bands under the direction of E. D. Swinney, well known band leader of that city. The Klamath bandmen will play during the big three-day celebration, September 1, 2 and 3.—Lakeview Examiner.

Smoky in Valley—

Coming partly from local forest fires, which are still smoldering after having been under control several days, and drifting in from forest fires in northern California and from fires in the northern part of the state, the valley has been somewhat hazy.—Medford Tribune.

In Ashland—

J. E. Angwin, of Klamath Falls, was an Ashland visitor Wednesday. Mr. Angwin was formerly S. P. roundhouse foreman here, being transferred to Klamath Falls over a year ago.—Ashland Tidings.

Visit Klamath—

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frizell Sunday made the trip to Klamath Falls where they received a new Dodge sedan, purchased through Arner Brothers, local agents.—Lakeview Examiner.

On Vacation—

Claude Stevens, a member of the local fire department, accompanied by his family, left yesterday for a short vacation trip through Klamath county and will return by way of Crater Lake.—Medford Tribune.

Inspects Forest—

Hugh Rankin, forest supervisor, left yesterday for a tour of the Crater national forest and the Pelican Bay Lumber company's holdings near Crater Lake.—Medford Tribune.

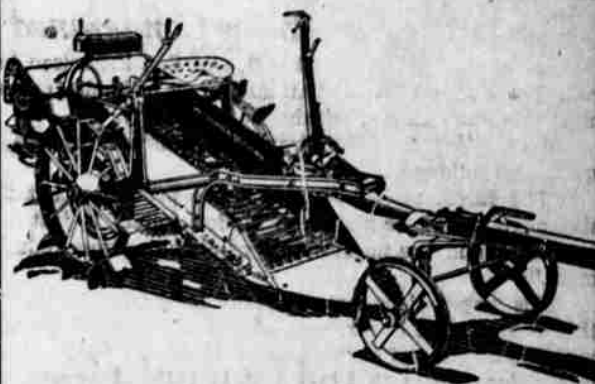
The champion female rolling pin thrower is reported as one of the many curiosities Washington, D. C., possesses. Now can some city please produce the champion staying-with-a-sick-friend husband?

POLICE DOUBT KIDNAP STORY OF YOUNG GIRL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25. (U. P.)—Juvenile authorities last night questioned Elizabeth Dutrie, 13, to determine the extent of truth in her story that she had been kidnapped from her parents' home in Detroit and carried across the continent.

Elizabeth told police today that she had been abducted by a man who robbed her home. Constant threats of death were made to the girl, she said, and for that reason she had not made known her predicament. Reports from Detroit, however, cast doubt on the account.

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LESSONS FROM OTHER STATES

The first lumbering took place along the Atlantic Coast, from Maine southward to the Virginias and Carolinas. As we now know it, the lumber industry, with its machinery for vast production, did not, however, get under way until the middle of the last century.

Its past history has been one of migration from one forested region to another. Many of our Eastern States attained distinction of leading in lumber production only to yield this title to other states as supplies of raw material were diminished. Finally the Pacific Coast took the lead, and now boasts the two greatest lumber producing states of the nation.

The question often is asked—Will this region profit by the experience of Eastern States, and attempt insuring a permanent and not a passing lumber industry?

Does the experience of other states clearly point the way to insuring for the Pacific Coast region a permanent forest industry of large proportions?

That this country will always be a lumber producing region is unquestioned. That it will continue on the present or a greater scale for at least a half century is conceded.

But with our natural advantages, wonderful native species and vast areas of mountain land, why need we be content with any half measures? Why should not the Pacific Coast region continue indefinitely to hold the supremacy in growing forest crops and production of forest materials? This may be done if we will avoid the errors of other regions.

Already the West has taken certain definite steps toward

insuring future forest crops, but more far-reaching action is necessary.

In most of our Eastern States forests were largely removed before thought was given to desirability of renewing them. Little attention was given to prevention of fire damage, and cutover areas were often yearly burned over until all desirable vegetation had been destroyed.

The general thought was that most of the land would be required for agricultural or grazing purposes, but at an early date clearing of land for agricultural use fell far behind the amount from which timber was removed, and today demand for cutover land is practically at a standstill.

As regions "cutover" towns struggled for a time to maintain themselves, and this often resulted in such increased valuation on land that reversion to the counties for non-payment of taxes took place. Millions of acres have thus reverted in the lake states alone, and so reduced taxable assets that state aid has in some instances been necessary to maintain county government.

Three of these states, realizing the disastrous effects of vanishing forest industries, have recently enacted laws aimed at a more rational system of taxing forest lands, hoping thereby to encourage the holding of these properties. Other states have taken similar action, with a view to building back their forests and the industries dependent upon forest material. Still other states have embarked upon extensive programs of acquisition of land to be held as state forests, and have encouraged establishment of Federal forests within their borders.

Unfortunately, however, remedial measures taken in

Eastern States the past several decades came only after their forest resources were largely depleted.

Here in the West we still have the opportunity to take action while yet possessing a vast amount of mature timber, and in a way to have continuous supplies for our now major industry.

What has happened in other states can happen in our own. But we also have the opportunity to avoid the unpleasant consequences which have visited other regions.

Adequate fire protection in which all agencies, Federal, State and private, take active part is now under way, and is the first step in the direction of perpetual forest industry.

Equally important is the devising and enacting of equitable means for taxing forest properties. The aim should not be to offer any subsidy or fail to secure from forest property its proper share of the tax burden. But the peculiarities of a crop requiring a century to mature must be recognized, and no greater burden placed against such property than it should bear.

A proper handling of the fire and taxation question will go a long way toward insuring permanent forest industry for Oregon and the Klamath country. Other measures are needed to insure best results, but it is believed these will become the problems of the individual owner which can be worked out if proper public co-operation is extended in the matter of fire and taxes.

The lessons from other regions are plain: Do not delay putting into effect sound public policies affecting forests and forest industries until present timber supplies are largely exhausted.

Klamath Forest Protective Association