

KFPA Anniversary

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As the ranger made no effort to stop this fire Johnson secured a crew to check it, because it was burning fiercely and threatening timber of companies and at same time he wired me of the danger. I got in there about the same time with the crew and directed the operations. We stayed in one night and effectually cut it away from spreading onto the companies lands and then started for the other fires in the district which were just getting under headway. The expense of this fire was \$108.03, and in addition the use of the crew which I kept until the fires were under control, which expense is charged in my statement to the general fires.

No. 13. Started August 29 and out September 18. Damage principally to larch and white fir. No extra expense.

No. 14. Started August 15. This was the first big fire in the southern part of the tract. Furber and Zhinden, the regular patrolmen, fought this fire for several days but were unable to check it and it was not controlled until I got in there with a crew on September 4. We surrounded it that night. This fire damaged a considerable number of trees, killing several outright. The reproduction was entirely destroyed. Cause incendiary. Extra expense assessed to general fires as per statement.

No. 15. This was the most expensive fire to control. It started about August 25. On September 7, a heavy wind sprang up catching this fire up and sweeping it to the cut-over lands around Pokegama. I secured a crew from the KLR Company and from the Algoma Lumber Company and by working all night we succeeded in getting it under control. Damage was quite extensive, although the area burned over is not timbered very heavily with pine, and the actual damage was mostly to the white fir. Extra expense is charged to the general fires. Cause unknown.

No. 16. Started about August 26. Was under control September 9, after fighting No. 15. I equipped a crew on horseback and we got to these last fires quickly. This fire destroyed a large number of small pine and all of the reproduction. Cause incendiary. Extra expense assessed to general fires.

No. 17. Started July 15. Put out by Johnson. No damage to the timber. No extra expense. Cause campers fires.

GENERAL REPORT

This has been an unusually dry season, with a bad fire risk all over the timbered country. While at the beginning of the season the patrolmen were inexperienced in fighting fire, they rendered faithful service and I may add they now understand very well how best to handle a fire in this pine belt. The aggregate loss to the timber in this area is considerable and yet in comparison with the amount of standing timber left is very slight. Very much of the loss consists of the weakening of the trees that have been partly gutted by previous fires.

Our men in fighting the various fires bank up many of such trees as a means of extinguishing the present fire and to protect the tree for the future. The loss of all the reproduction inside the burned areas is very deplorable. It seems very difficult to ascertain the cause of some of these fires, but I think I may assure you that there is no animosity against any of the companies.

I believe that the fires I have designated as probably incendiary were started by men who wanted employment in three cases and by freighters who wanted a down tree across the road removed in another. By eliminating local assistance in most cases in the future and by having the patrolmen keep the roads clear also, I believe that we will then have to contend only with the careless camper.

He, in this country is always a menace. A criminal prosecution of such a party might prove a great benefit.

This season we have not been able to secure legal evidence against any that we suspect. The mills and stationary engines have been using safety spark arresters and there has been a general regard for the safety of timber shown by the local people.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackson Kimball

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES For KFPA in 1908

Fire No. 5, \$7.85; Fire No. 6, \$19.25; Fire No. 7, \$14.75; Fire No. 10, \$164.90; Fire No. 12, \$108.03; Fires Nos. 8, 11, 14, 15 & 16, \$670.20; Last fire, \$25.05; Salaries of regular patrolmen, \$1,630.33. The total expenditures amounted to \$2,700.36.

SALARIES OF THE REGULAR PATROLMEN, 1908

August 4, 1908, Harry Pearson, salary for June and July as per receipt, \$140; August 10, John Y. Johnson, salary for June and July as per receipt, \$160; September 1, John Y. Johnson, salary for August as per receipt, \$80; September 1, Harry Pearson, salary for August as per receipt, \$70; September 3, John Zhinden, salary from August 3 to September 3 as per receipt, \$80.

October 1, Harry Pearson, salary for September as per receipt, \$70; October 1, John Y. Johnson, salary for September as per receipt, \$80; October 3, John Zhinden, salary from September 3 to October 3 as per receipt, \$80; October 17, John Y. Johnson, salary in full to October 15, (close of season) as per receipt, \$40; October 17, John Zhinden, salary in full to October 15, (close of season) as per receipt, \$32; October 29, Harry Pearson, salary in full to October 25, (close of season) as per receipt, \$58.33; October 1, K. P. Hamilton, salary for services watching for fires along west side of Upper Klamath Lake from June 1 to October 1 as per receipt, \$50.

November 2, M. H. Wampler, salary for services as fire warden in Northern portion of District No. 2 from June 1 to October 1 as per receipt, \$240; November 2, to cash paid to J. G. Pierce for the salary of John J. Furber from June 1 to October 1 as per receipt from said Pierce, \$450.

The total of patrolmen's salaries was \$1,630.33.

STATEMENT OF CASH EXPENDED FIGHTING FIRE NO. 12

September 4, To cash paid W. M. Lambert, for five days labor as per receipt, \$12.50; September 4, To cash paid M. Maggard, for one and one-half days labor as per receipt, \$3.75; October 16, To cash paid John Y. Johnson for cash paid by him to crew of men, as per receipts and vouchers from him and men, \$91.78.

The total for fighting fire No. 12 was \$108.03.

N.B. In addition to above account I used the crew which worked on fires No. 8, 11, 14, 15 and 16 on this fire No. 12, but the cost of their work on No. 12 is charged to fires No. 8, 11, 14, 15 and 16 as per statement.

STATEMENT OF CASH EXPENDED FIGHTING FIRE NO. 5

September 12, To cash paid S. Padgett, for supplies as per bill, \$2.85; September 12, To cash paid U. E. Reeder, for labor as per receipt, \$5.

The total for fighting fire No. 5 was \$7.85.

On October 6, a fire broke out near Pokegama and the regular patrolmen fearing another bad fire wired to Klamath Falls for help. The following statement represents the expenditures of the same:

October 12, To cash paid Will W. Baldwin for cash, paid by him to men employed to fight this fire and hauling expense as per receipt, bills and vouchers from all parties, \$56.15; October 18, To cash paid John Y. Johnson, for expenses on trip as per receipt and bill, \$10.70; October 29, To cash paid S. Padgett, supplies as per bill, \$11.70; November 2, To cash paid Hustain and Obenchain for groceries as per bill, \$6.50. Total for fire was \$85.05.

STATEMENT OF CASH EXPENDED FIGHTING FIRES NO. 8, 11, 14, 15 and 16

September 3, To cash paid Ruth Joten for lunch, 50 cents; September 4, To cash paid P. S. Puckett for dinner for self, man and team, \$1.15; September 5, To cash paid Fruit peddler for vegetables, \$1; September, To cash paid the following men for labor, as per their receipts: Robert Greenesen, \$17.75; L. R. Oatey, \$17.75; R. C. Boyle,

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PARKER STATION was another headquarters site for fire crews in the early days. This old building stood just north of the present site of Camp Six and could be seen from the highway for a number of years. It has now fallen into ruins and disappeared.

— Photo from Ogle



TYPICAL of the quarters maintained for fire crews during the tense summer months is this building at King's Cabin, located north of Klamath Falls.



KING'S CABIN is a typical fire station in the Klamath Forest Protective Association's far-flung line. Located north of Klamath Falls the station is manned during the fire season by John Vogel, left, and Emil Harris. The two are shown here in the cabin's dining room after lunch. Here fire permits are issued during the season and the crew spends a busy summer clearing roads, checking smokes and in general keeping a close eye on fire conditions in the big tract of timber.