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BIG LOSS BY FIRE.

Flames Destroy Valuable Property, Estimate is \$1,000,000.

(From Sunday's Oregonian)

Over \$1,000,000 damage has been done by the forest fires within the last two days. From nearly every part of the state reports come in of loss in property, timber and life. Vast tracks once populous and wealthy now stretch out, smoking deserts of ruin. In several districts the loss to the inhabitants has been total, and help must speedily be sent. Owing to a most fortunate cessation of the heavy wind that has prevailed, the farmers and lumbermen have a respite from labors that have imperiled life and limb. These fires, though abated, still are burning, and unless a much-wished-for rain comes within the next 24 hours there is great danger that the efforts put forth may prove, after all, unavailing.

In the fire that destroyed the town of Palmer, near Bridal Veil, two boys named Hamilton were caught while trying to escape from the encircling flames, and yesterday morning the charred body of one was found where he had been overtaken. In the same fire an unknown man saved his life by wading out into the millpond and staying there all night. In Pleasant Valley Mrs. Exley, a lone woman, was compelled to fight fire that threatened her all for two days, until her eyes were almost destroyed and strength failed her and her two children. At Fairview Ethel Pullen, who was watching the fire from a distance of half a mile, was set on fire by a flying ember, and before her dress could be torn off was badly injured.

The timber losses in Clackamas have been immense and the whole length of the Clackamas River presents nothing but vistas of ruined settlements. In Eastern Multnomah the fires are under control and no further damage is feared unless weather conditions change. In Southern Oregon excellent work has been done by the forest rangers, and the construction confined to a comparatively limited area. Eugene and surrounding country is now practically out of danger, though the fires are still menacing. Tillamook also has been saved by a change in the direction of the wind, and the inhabitants have good hopes of saving the town, which has twice been almost abandoned before the raging flames.

The most distressing losses have been those suffered in the vicinity of Springwater and Lents. The Springwater region has been utterly swept by the fires, and those who have reached points in communication with the outside world say that immediate and generous help must be sent in order to save the lives rescued from the devouring flames. Around Portland the fires are dying down and the people in the suburbs are drawing their first easy breath since Thursday. In all parts of the Willamette and Columbia River Valleys the smoke continues very dense, and it is feared that the full extent of the losses will not be known until the districts now cut off are heard from.

LIVES LOST AT BRIDAL VEIL.

Hamilton Boys Perish in the Fierce Forest Fire.

J. S. Bradley, manager of the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company, whose saw-mill at Palmer was burned last Friday, arrived in Portland yesterday. From the account he gives of the fire it is apparent that the published stories have but meagerly represented the terrible experiences of those who were surrounded by fire while defending the mill from the flames.

It is now certain that the two Hamilton boys were burned to death, but no other lives were lost at that place. The body of one of the boys has been found.

The fire caught in the refuse logs and brush last Tuesday morning from a spark from an O. R. & N. locomotive. The fire made slow advancement, and was fought by a gang of men as usual. Such fires have caught several times before, but were always put under control without great difficulty. On Thursday all the men in the employ of the company were called from other employment to fight the fire, and they responded most loyally. Late Thursday night the fire was close to the mill, and through a stream of

water was kept playing upon it from the company's four-inch main, it seemed that the water had no effect whatever. Shortly after midnight a heavy gale was blowing, and it soon became apparent that the mill and the town of Palmer were doomed. The men and their families then prepared to leave the place, for their own safety, but found they were entirely surrounded by fire. Conspiration ensued, and all fled without stopping to take any of their belongings except the clothes they wore. Many escaped toward Troutdale, while others ran the gauntlet of flames down the road to Bridal Veil. The heat was intense, and in the dry state of the atmosphere the flames leaped across the road, where it seemed there was scarcely anything to burn.

Mr. Hamilton, accompanied by several women and his two boys, started through the flames carrying his babe under his coat to protect in from the fire. He called to the women to bring the boys and follow him closely. Once in the fire, there was no stopping or turning, but he rushed onward until he had reached a place of safety. Then it was discovered that the boys had turned back at the place where the father entered the fire. It was impossible to return through the wide expanse of fire, and thinking that the boys had gone with some other party of refugees, Mr. Hamilton went on with his child. Just as Mr. Bradley was leaving Bridal Veil yesterday he learned that the body of one of the boys had been found, and there is no doubt that the other also perished.

The town of Palmer is two miles above Bridal Veil, and consists of the mill, a schoolhouse, a boarding-house and about 15 dwellings. The residence of L. C. Palmer, president of the company, is the principal house in the town, all the others being small buildings. The planing mill and yards of the company are located at Bridal Veil and were not destroyed. The logging camps are at various places back in the hills, and about 10 miles distant.

About 1 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Bradley and about a dozen others started from Bridal Veil for Palmer. While they were yet nearly a mile from town they found that the fire wall before them made further advance impossible. When they finally turned back they found that the fire had closed in behind them, and it was only by rushing through the fire that they saved their lives.

The fire seemed to spring up all around them, and almost as soon as a spark fell a blaze would leap upward, soon sending out sparks to other fires.

One resident of Portland, whose name Mr. Bradley did not learn, saved his life only by staying in the mill pond all night. A woman, Mrs. Wood, also spent the last half of Friday night in the pond. The man was a painter, who was employed at Bridal Veil. He was not in the employ of the company, but volunteered to help fight the fire. He was the last to leave, and when he endeavored to find his way out was unable to do so. He swam out into the pond and got between two logs, where he supported himself until the heat subsided enough so that he could find a way out. The woman waded out into the water until it was up to her neck, and then suffered intensely from the heat from the shore. The brush and refuse wood burned to the water's edge.

Jeff Eberhart, the engineer, showed great heroism in saving the company's logging engines. The engines were used in bringing out logs from the camps, and when all was done that could be done at the mill, Eberhart ran his engine across a burning trestle to get it to a place of safety. He then ran back across the trestle and took out the other engine, leaving both upon firm land. His face and hands were blistered from the heat, but the engines were saved from ruin.

The Bridal Veil Mill gave employment to about 180 men, and had a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The planing mill is uninjured, and Mr. Bradley feels confident that the timber owned by the company back in the hills has not been burned. While he cannot say what his company will do, there is every reason to believe under the circumstances that they will rebuild. It is possible, however, that they will build nearer their timber supply than the town of Palmer was.

DEAD LIST GROWS.

Lives and Property Lost in the Fire up the Louis River Valley.

Driven from their homes in the darkness of the night by a raging forest fire, which swept everything before it from Ariel, Cowlitz County, to the foot of Mount St. Helens, a distance of 25 miles, over 200 people have been left homeless, and many of them have not even clothes enough to cover them. A. J. Townner, W. E. Newhouse, John Polly, his brother and child, are known to have lost their lives in the fire. Four men who were working on a claim belonging to James Hawthorne have not been found, and it is thought they are killed. Some 50 or 60 people were camped at the lake at the foot of Mount St. Helens, and they have not been heard from since the fire. It is not known whether they escaped or not.

The first news of the devastation was brought to this city by Milo M. Dimnick, who experienced many difficulties in making the trip out to send aid to the sufferers. Saturday he reached Woodland, Wash., from what place a relief party was sent to Portland, arriving here early yesterday morning. From his description, the suffering there is great, and the devastation is the most appalling of any that has been reported. For a stretch of 25 miles, he says, there are but two houses standing. The fine timber from which the people expected to realize fortunes has all been ruined. The fires came upon them in the night, and entirely unexpectedly. Dimnick was asleep, and was awakened by the barking of his dog. His sister, Mrs. M. D. Meserve, had come to Portland the day before, and he says if she had been at home all would have perished.

"I had scarcely time to get to the river myself," said he, "when the flames were upon me, and if I had had to take time to save any one else we would not have gotten away."

While immersed in the river Mr. Dimnick saw one of the grandest but most appalling sights of his life. "Great balls of fire would roll up like cotton balls," said he, "and then burst with a mighty roar. I have never heard a noise to compare with it. A hundred engines thundering through a tunnel at once would not make half the noise."

As soon as the fire had passed over him he rushed to a neighbor's house and found that the family had been driven from home, but had escaped death.

When morning came he set out to bring in relief. The bridges were all burned, the roads were obstructed by trees that had fallen across them, so that his progress was very slow, and he did not reach Woodland until Saturday morning.

KALAMA, Wash., Sept. 14.—News reached here late last night that the forest fires on Lewis River have wrought sad havoc—D. L. Wallace, wife and two children burned to death. They were camping in the woods when caught by the fire. Their wagon was found burned up and the charred bodies were lying near. A 12-year-old boy of Mr. Hanley's is also dead. Mrs. John Polly and baby and a brother, name not known, and Mr. Newhouse and Mrs. Graves are dead. Fifteen others were found without clothing except gunny-sacks.

Five logging camps are burned out complete.

The worst of the fire was on Lewis River, about 12 miles above Woodland.

The country is well settled and there are doubtless other casualties not yet reported. The fire has spread from Lewis River north of the Kalama River, and 50 sections of the finest timber on the Coast are destroyed. It is impossible to give any estimate of the amount of damage to property. Oak Point, about 20 miles below here, on the Columbia River, is totally destroyed. There are no reports of lives lost, but loss of property is estimated at about \$300,000.

A great fire is also raging on the Coweman, in the northern part of the county. Everything combustible is consumed in its path. Nothing like it was ever seen here by white men. The air is thick with smoke and falling ashes. Hill's Camp is reported destroyed, Muckle Bros', Camp No. 2 is also burned out. Moreland's Camp is badly damaged. Seven donkey engines are reported ruined. Two men from Barr's Camp are reported missing; people are panic-stricken and

many are almost crazed from grief over loss of property.

Cowlitz County thought it was going to escape until today, when disastrous reports came thick and fast, and the last are worse and worse. Five people are dead and two missing, with only partial reports from the burned district. The horrible news has cast a gloom over the entire county that cannot be described in words. A courier has just arrived from Lewis River, who states that there are only two houses left standing on Lewis River from Strait's place to the head of the river, a distance of 30 miles, and not less than 15 persons have perished.

Springwater Appeals for Aid.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 13.—Destitute, utterly without food, clothing and money, and with no place to lay their head, the people of Springwater and vicinity who have lost everything they had in the world have sent forth an appeal for aid in their dire distress.

J. F. Lovelace, a merchant of Springwater, reached this city this afternoon and brought the first reliable news from the burned district. Contrary to the reports of yesterday, his store was saved, but nearly every farmer living in the territory covered by the postoffices of Springwater and Dodge has been entirely burned out, and the loss is appalling. In the village of Springwater the store of W. J. Lewellen is saved, as are the Macabee and Grange Halls and the schoolhouse. These buildings were saved only because of the fact that they were considerably distant from the dead timber, and that men constantly fought for their safety.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 15.—The loss by fires in Clackamas County will amount to over \$1,000,000. Miles and miles of valuable timber were burned, and besides this 100 buildings. The greatest loss is in the Springwater country, where the fire swept through timber land 15 miles long and from two to four miles wide. According to reports coming in from the different parts of the state, Clackamas County will be the heaviest loser, as the fires are mostly burning in rich timber belts, with much of it good green timber. The farms destroyed will amount to between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, with very little insurance to cover the loss.

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