

**Losses at Sandlake.**

Mr. W. C. King, of Sandlake, was in the city on Wednesday and reports the loss by the fire in that neighborhood.

W. Roenica, lost a new barn and 35 tons of hay; A. J. Hembree lost a barn and hay; D. Billings lost barn and fencing; and James McGhee's house and barn were burned. It is thought the fire in that part of the county was started by hunters.

**DEATH LIST GROWING.**

**Six More Fatalities Resulting from Forest Fires.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 16.—The bodies of six people have been found dead in a trail leading through a stretch of country about four miles wide, between Canyon and Sauson Creeks, eight miles north of Bell's Mountain, and 15 settlers residing in that district are missing, a number of whom, if not all, have perished in the big forest fire which swept through there last week, says M. L. Smith, who arrived in Vancouver from the burned district last night.

Mr. Smith says that the whole country in this region is wiped clean by the fire and practically every one living there has been rendered homeless. The 15 settlers referred to have not been accounted for, and the supposition is that they have perished. The report that six people have been found dead on a trail while fleeing from the flames is said to be given on good authority. Subsequent reports serve to show that the loss of life in the Bell's Mountain region is greater than was at first supposed.

**Ruin is Terrible.**

Reports of the great forest fires of Clark County continue to come in and each successive bit of intelligence but adds to the tale of woe, ruin and disaster that reeks in the wake of the mighty sea of flame that wrapped miles of settlements and valuable timber in an atmosphere of destruction. Without doubt, reports of loss of life and property will pour in for weeks to come, as exploration of the burned districts continues. Vast areas of land in Clark County are divested of every semblance of human habitation and the shock to the rural districts is appalling.

**Loss Will Reach \$1,000,000.**

If the opinions of those who are comparatively well acquainted with the extent of damages caused by the big forest fires in Clark County and who have seen portions of the ruined districts are reliable, the loss of property in Clark County alone will approximate \$1,000,000. This includes the timber losses so far as known, but it is said that should the fire have killed vast tracts of valuable timber which are now thought to be only partly destroyed, the aggregate loss will go much higher than this. Houses by the score and barns in greater numbers have been destroyed, besides several logging camps and saw mills and other improvements on which losses alone some estimate that damages will amount to \$500,000. The fire has gone over townships 4 and 5, part of which were covered with fine timber, and if this is damaged to a greater extent than is at present believed, many claim that the loss aggregately will go much over a million dollars.

**38 LOST IN FIRE.**

**Lewis River Death Roll Still Increasing.**

KALAMA, Wash., Sept. 15.—Reports from the fire-stricken districts of Lewis River continue to grow worse. The charred and lifeless bodies of 38 people have already been found, and all believe there will be more to follow. Many settlers and an unknown number of campers from outside points are missing. The burned district was settled by perhaps 500 people, most of whom were prosperous, while many were well-to-do. Nearly all the farmers had good buildings, their barns filled with hay, and their pastures well stocked with cattle. What was a week ago the beautiful and fertile valley of the Lewis is not a hot and silent valley of death, covered promiscuously with the blackened bodies of both man and beast.

At one place, the frons of a burned wagon, the roasted remains of a team of horses and the dead bodies of nine people tell the tale of an unsuccessful attempt of a party of pleasure-seekers to escape. While fleeing from the flames they were stopped by a big log that had fallen across the road. The team was burned on the spot, and so fierce was the fire that none of the nine persons were able to get more than a few steps from the wagon. The only bodies in this group that could be identified were those of Al Reed and his son.

Many people saved their lives by jumping into the Lewis River, the water of which, in some places, was warm from the intense heat of the surrounding flames. About 60 people, who were camping at Trout Lake, near the base of Mount St. Helens, were saved by taking to the water on improvised rafts of poles and logs. About 140 sections of the finest timber land in Cowlitz County have been burned over, and much of it destroyed completely. It is estimated that the property loss to this country will not be less than \$1,000,000. Three hundred people have been left homeless and destitute, and, as noted heretofore, at least 38 lives have been lost.

A telegram from Calais announced that nine vessels of the French coast fleet foundered in the North Sea during the recent gales, and that 50 fishermen were drowned.

**Mrs. Waggoner Elopes with Brother of Merrill.**

CHEHALIS, Sept. 16.—Chehalis has added another chapter to the famous Merrill-Tracy episode. As a closing chapter to the story of the finding of Dave Merrill's body near here a few weeks ago by Mrs. Mary Waggoner, of Napavine, this one comes as a stunner. Mrs. Waggoner and Ben Merrill, a brother of the dead outlaw, have eloped from Chehalis together, and it is presumed are in Seattle together. They left here on the early morning train Saturday, purchasing tickets for Seattle. Night Watchman Townsend and others saw them off.

Ben Merrill has been working here at Hylander's livery barn since Merrill and Tracy invaded our fair land in early June. Although mixed up with Dave Merrill and Harry Tracy in the trouble at Portland, and being an important witness for the state in the case when both the men were sent to the Oregon prison, Ben Merrill's conduct while here was not such as to attract any particular interest to him. He behaved fairly well. Very few people suspected him to be a heart-crusher, but here the folks who passed him daily on the streets seemed to have been taken unawares. The discovery of Dave Merrill's body by Mrs. Waggoner and her boy and the act that the Oregon officials failed to pay the reward offered for the capture of Merrill gave Mrs. Waggoner a good excuse to be often in Chehalis. That she has improved the opportunity for several weeks past was fully demonstrated by her presence here a few days every week.

Now it has leaked out that Mrs. Waggoner came here and helped Ben Merrill to punch all the holes in his meal ticket properly. Inquiry at the restaurant where the man boarded reveals the fact that for some time the two have met and eaten together there. A friend of Merrill's, who is also a hostler, says that Merrill went out to see Mrs. Waggoner and drove around the country with her every Sunday. Friday he went after her and they spent the evening here.

Mrs. Waggoner has a husband, David Waggoner, near Napavine, where he works in a logging camp. She also has three married daughters. The woman does not appear to be over 40 years of age, but Merrill is younger, probably about 30. The effort to secure the reward for Mrs. Waggoner may possibly now be taken up in behalf of her boy, who was with her at the time, and who has done nothing in any way to forfeit the good will that people have held toward him.

It is stated that J. R. Ellerman has disposed of the Antwerp-Montreal line of steamers to the Morgan shipping syndicate. When the Leyland line was sold to the American combination, Mr. Ellerman retained the Antwerp-Montreal service, together with the Mediterranean and Lisbon and Oporto traders.

In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press at Cape Town, the Attorney-General, S. L. Graham, said: "The general indemnity act will become a law in a day or two, when martial law will be repealed throughout the colony. Simultaneously the government will proclaim the peace preservation act, enabling it to control the possession, importation and registration of all arms and ammunition. Profound peace reigns throughout the colony."

Smoke and ashes from the great forest fires which have been raging in Oregon were responsible for a delay of over seven hours in the arrival to San Francisco of the steamer Umatilla from Victoria and Puget Sound ports. Captain Cousins reports that on Friday, off the Oregon Coast, the atmosphere was so thick with smoke and ashes that he was compelled to go 40 miles seaward out of his course in order to avoid the disagreeable mass. The smoke hung over many miles of the Coast, but little fire could be seen from the Umatilla's decks.

The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Hart at Bogota, Columbia, which says that the Revolutionary General, Carreazo, who has been operating with a strong force on the great plains east of Bogota, has surrendered. This is regarded as of the utmost importance to the government authorities, who consider that it assures the pacification of the whole eastern region. The Columbian Government also has announced the repulse by a government war vessel of a revolutionary attack some days ago upon the Magdalena River.

Superintendent Machen of the rural free delivery division of the Postoffice department declares that he can see no limit to the extension of the delivery system until the entire rural population within reach of a general postoffice receives its benefits. The persistent demand for rural free delivery in all parts of the boundry is the distinguishing mark of the present era of postal progress. Just as the rate of postage has never been raised again after reduction, so the area of free postal delivery is bound to keep on enlarging and never contracting.

The Rev. Dr. Wortman, for many years pastor of the Reformed Church at Sanjerties, N. Y., and who is nearing his 80th year, and is very feeble, made an

appeal for funds for superannuated ministers. He waxed eloquent as he pleaded the case. The doctor spoke bitterly at times of the lack of attention paid to the old minister and his remarks created a mild sensation. "What is wanted in these days," he said, "is a kid. A minister of ripe experience is turned aside for a golf player, and the question is asked 'Is he a jolly, good fellow?' He is the one that gets the fashionable churches, and the old minister is laid upon the shelf to spend the rest of his days as best he can."

The contract for the construction of the wireless telegraph station on the Farallon Islands has been let and the work will be completed in about 60 days.

The prevalence of forest fires in Colorado, which are devastating forests, has aroused scientists to the theory that a great number of meteors have fallen in the Rocky Mountains, tearing up the earth to a great extent. These meteors drop in heavy pine forests, explode, and start the fires. Local scientists are making a study of this new theory.

Dealing with the seriousness of the situation in Colombia the London Daily Mail praises the prompt action of the United States in sending warships to the Isthmus, and adds: "It would be an immense gain for the world in general if only the United States would consent to do its duty there and in the republics of Central America and Hayti and put down this anarchy; or if the United States will not act themselves, allow some European power to act for them."

Corners in grain are forever rendered impossible hereafter by a decision handed down by Judge Chytraus, in the Circuit Court at Chicago, if sustained by a higher court. The case was for an injunction asked by Waite, Thorburn & Co. against prominent commission houses in the recent July oats corner. The most important ruling is that the Chicago Board of Trade loses the power to pass on property rights where margins are involved, defining its authority to discipline members for refusing to put up called margins.

A financial alliance has been formed by the two great railroad factors in the Eastern field, the Vanderbilt interests, and those of the Pennsylvania system. The working agreement has been close in the past, but it has never come to an allotment of territory and division of property as the new arrangement entails. The new combination will have a capitalization of \$2,000,000,000 and a mileage of 30,000 miles. The aim of the organization is to dominate traffic between Chicago and St. Louis, the Great Lakes and the Ohio River, and the Canadian boundary and the Potomac River, through to the Atlantic Coast.

William M. Stewart, wife of the United States Senator from Nevada, was killed at San Francisco, in an automobile accident. Mrs. Stewart was enjoying a ride with her nephew, Henry Foote, son of W. W. Foote, the attorney, and H. B. Taylor. They were going along Santa Clara avenue in Alameda County, Taylor guiding the machine and sending it along at high speed. A vehicle approached, and Taylor swerved the automobile in order to avoid a collision. At that moment he either lost control of the steering apparatus or made a miscalculation. The automobile ran into a telegraph pole, and the occupants were thrown out. Mrs. Stewart struck on her head, and was carried in an unconscious condition to a sanitarium in the vicinity, where she soon died. Foote and Taylor escaped with minor bruises.

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