

COUER D'ALENE MOUNTAINS AFLAME

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 8.—Reports received here early today say that the forest fires are growing fiercer every hour, and are playing havoc in the dense timber lands of Western Montana and Eastern Idaho.

Hundreds of forest rangers are fighting the fires, and calls for volunteers have been sent to all the cities near the path of the flames, and recruits are going out in great numbers today.

Many valuable mining properties are threatened with destruction, and unless the fires are checked heavy damage will be sustained by the operators.

The fire worked its way over the Couer d'Alene mountains into Montana, sweeping a rich timber belt. The loss of timber already is heavy, and the prospect is that it will mount into staggering figures.

EVELYN THAW IS LOSER BY HUSBAND GOING BANKRUPT

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 8.—It became known here today that Evelyn Thaw will be the heaviest loser through the action of Harry K. Thaw, in asking that he be declared a bankrupt. It will mean that her allowance will be cut down at least \$1000 monthly. As soon as his affairs are in the hands of the courts it will be impossible for her to obtain more than a legal share for living expenses.

It was intimated here today by a friend of the Thaw family that Harry Thaw was actuated in filing the application by a desire to free himself from constant demands for money from Evelyn, as much as to protect his creditors. His assets are \$128,012.35 and his liabilities \$453,140.42.

There is a great question as to how Thaw thinks it will be possible for him to attend a meeting of creditors and be examined by a referee, according to the requirements of the Pennsylvania law.

It is said here this afternoon that the real object of Thaw's petition in bankruptcy may be to get the question of his sanity at the present time before the federal courts.

The law provides specifically that a person who files a petition must be sane, and it is thought that the question will be raised with a view to making an effort to induce the court to investigate his mental condition.

If the federal court, in such a proceeding, should decide that Thaw is sane, he probably would be freed from the Poughkeepsie jail, where he is being held, pending action to remove him to an asylum.

Attorney Stone, who filed Thaw's petition, said he had not heard of this suggestion, and added that Thaw was forced into the action by his

wife's demands, which left but two courses, bankruptcy or suicide.

"The petition undoubtedly will be a heavy blow to Evelyn," said Stone. "From all I can learn she has been drawing heavily upon Thaw's resources, and I am informed that her extravagant demands for spending money reached thousands of dollars monthly.

"No man can stand such demands, situated as Harry Thaw is. It left him only the two courses, of suicide or bankruptcy. Fortunately, he chose the sane course, and, by a simple business transaction yesterday, shut off her demands."

EX-TREASURER MUST TURN OVER BOOKS

In the mandamus proceedings to compel ex-County Treasurer F. A. Reavis to turn over to his successor in office, W. T. Bell, all the books, papers and money pertaining to the office, Judge Knowles denied the motion of the defendant to recall the peremptory writ and grant an alternative writ of mandamus at a special term of the circuit court. He further decided that the defendant had not been guilty of contempt in not turning over the books, papers and money to his successor. He indicated, however, that unless Reavis complied with the fast decision of the court he would be considered in contempt.

W. T. Bell, the newly elected county treasurer of Wallawa county, is at the present time the postmaster at Enterprise. Mr. Reavis, his predecessor in office, concluded that Mr. Bell could not, so long as he continued to act as postmaster, qualify as county treasurer, for the reason that he would then be holding more than one office, which he claims is prohibited by law.

Making a Deficit.
Washington, Aug. 8.—Today's treasury statement shows: Receipts, \$2,062,058. Expenditures, \$2,310,000.

Sermons on the necessity of a clean city might bring about a better brand of Godliness.

A dinner bucket brigade is not the least of the things to be considered in these parts.

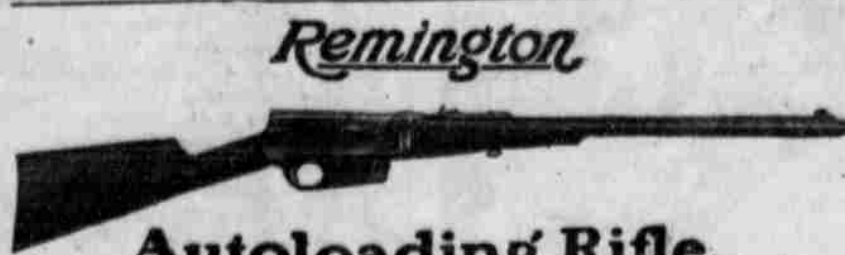
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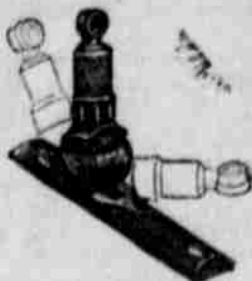
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PUBLIC ABATTOIRS IN NEW ZEALAND

The public abattoirs act of New Zealand, the introduction of which was at first strongly opposed by the interested trade, provides that all meat sold within the area of a municipality with a population of 2000 must be inspected by a duly qualified government inspector. The municipality was allowed three years to bring the act into operation and erect the requisite buildings, the state advancing the cost at a fixed rate of interest, payable out of slaughtering fees. Fielding, which has a population of 3000 and was one of the first towns to adopt the act, erected abattoirs at an outlay of £2000, in addition to the cost of the site and accommodation paddocks, the interest being paid by the butchers in the shape of rent. The scheme has been so profitable that cool storage and freezing chambers are to be erected, and the butchers recognize the saving value and utility of the establishment.

The benefit to the consumer and to the general health is incalculable. The inspector sees every animal slaughtered, and, if he finds no trace of disease, stamps each carcass in several places with the butcher's number or mark, with date of killing. The butcher receives back his own skins, hides and tongues, which he removes at once. Offal is disposed of by the butcher to the soapmaker for manufacturing purposes.—Journal of Agriculture, West Australia.

PLANING MILL DOES WELL AT SPRINGFIELD

H. E. Pitts, proprietor of the Springfield planing mill, when interviewed by a reporter this week in regard to the output of the mill during the past few months, said that the plant was meeting with gratifying success, as they had all the work they could handle. The mill is now employing six men, and as soon as new machinery can be added, the force will be nearly doubled. They

have received two large contracts from Eugene, and also one to furnish the mill work for a \$30000 residence being built 30 miles east of Springfield.

The families of B. A. Washburne and J. L. Clark returned last Saturday from Foley Springs, where

they had been for a two weeks' outings.

Dr. W. E. Zuber, a new arrival at Eugene, has bought property and will put up a brick business building.

Enoch Wimberly, a Douglas county pioneer, died at Roseburg.

Mrs. Angeline Taylor Grow, of Seattle, is celebrating her 100th birthday. Her father was Galen Grow, of Pennsylvania.

Coal mines in Northern Wyoming may close September 1, owing to labor controversy.

The longest life is the one lived the best.

ALL OREGON WILL BE AT THE STATE FAIR

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They will find the grounds in better condition and more attractive than ever before. They will find many new buildings. All in all, they will see that Oregon has the best facilities of any state west of the Rocky mountains for holding a great fair. The increased cash premiums and special will bring the greatest livestock show ever seen on the Pacific coast, and it will compare favorably with the best fairs of the east and middle west. Some of the best horses in the United States will be here to participate in the speed program. Some of the most attractive purses ever hung up for a western race meet will make each individual event worth coming a long distance to see. The counties will put up their best in trying to secure the prizes for the exhibits of their products. There will be special rates on all lines of transportation for passengers and special freight inducements for all exhibits. If you wish any particular information it will be cheerfully given by

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