

PUGET SOUND LOSS IS HEAVY IN WEST

MANY BRIDGES GONE AND A LOT OF OTHER PROPERTY IS TOTALLY WRECKED.

Two special trains were run over the Puget Sound line west of Missoula yesterday as far as the track could be navigated through the reported sea of fire and both brought out of the burning district the remaining few people who cared to leave, these being practically all who were there. The first train at 7 o'clock in the morning, brought people from St. Regis and other points along the line, there being about 250 on board. The second train which arrived at 2 p. m. brought only about 50 refugees. The only train which was reported to be on the line west last night was a special in charge of General Superintendent E. H. Barrett, who had spent some time at Superior.

By walking, fighting and riding on handcar and engine Division Superintendent Marshall of the Puget Sound, who has been stranded at Kyle, over the divide, since last Saturday, succeeded in working his way to St. Regis yesterday and from there he sent in a resume of the conditions along that western stretch of the road about which little direct information has been received during the last two days.

According to Mr. Marshall's report, as understood here, the loss has been considerable damage to the track and bridges all the way from Haugan to Kyle, a distance of 20 miles. Within this distance of the 29 steel and wooden bridges and trestles, only five were left unharmed and unburned. The ties on these remaining five were burned from the rails. Of the steel bridges included in the 24 made useless, the wood work was completely gone and the metal badly twisted and bent from the heat. Some of these trestles required a long time in their construction and the damage will be heavy.

A Long List.

Between Drexel and Kyle, a distance of 40 miles, there remains standing only a very few buildings of any nature. A water tank remains standing at Kyle, a pump house at Haugan section house, office and water tank at Bryson, a temporary water tank at Holand—these are the monuments standing through the fire-swept district which break the monotony of the blackened country and speaks of towns and settlements that are no more. A number of box cars, caught on sidings, through this district were also destroyed. The telegraph office at Adair was saved.

The situation west from Kyle to Avery is thought to be worst but the exact conditions are unknown as it has been impossible to reach this part of the district.

Superintendent Marshall remained at St. Regis last night with Trainmaster Hood to direct what operations can be carried on towards getting the line repaired and opened again for traffic.

FINE CROPS FOUND BY EXPERTS

AGRICULTURISTS REPORT GOOD CONDITIONS WHERE CORRECT METHODS ARE USED.

Spokane, Aug. 20.—"Everywhere in the Northwest we have found the crops showing up fine, when dry weather conditions are considered. Scientific work had paid well, while in other places, where the farmers paid no heed to conserving the moisture and to the proper tilling of the soil the crops are failures."

Dr. L. J. Briggs, physicist in charge, of the United States department of agriculture, who is in Spokane to confer with officers of the Dry Farming commission, said this in an interview. He is accompanied by Dr. H. L. Shantz, who is investigating the drought resisting plants of the west for the bureau of animal industry. Dr. Briggs said the crops are in better condition than he looked for, in view of the early reports sent out, adding:

"We have been visiting the dry farm experiment stations the government is conducting, and we found every place making progress. At the Morrow station, which is being conducted with the co-operation of the Oregon agricultural college, we found everything in good shape. They have splendid buildings and they are located on old land, and the work is mainly a question of maintenance for fertility. The investigations thus far conducted have been successful and profitable. The station is located in a district having the lowest rainfall of any dry farm government station, the precipitation being less than ten inches annually. The work will be in full operation by next spring and I believe it will be successful."

"From Spokane we go to the station at Hobson, Mont., and thence to the new farm at Mitchell, Neb. Then we shall go to a meeting of scientific workers and dry farmers at Dalhart, in the panhandle of Texas, and from there return to Washington to complete our reports."

"Some of the best apples and peaches I have seen in the northwest were grown by dry farming methods, and they had excellent flavor, were very juicy and of fine color and taste."

Want advertising solves, every day, a lot of selling-problems (Yours is not too hard!)

CAMAS SAVED FROM THE BLAZE

FIRE SITUATION, WHICH WAS SERIOUS SUNDAY, IS DECIDEDLY IMPROVED.

Kenneth Ross of the Big Blackfoot Lumber company, who went from Bonner Sunday afternoon to the Camas prairie district in answer to the appeal for aid, returned to his home here last evening after a hard day and night spent with the fire fighting crew. In response to inquiries made by a Missoulian reporter last night Mr. Ross said:

"I am glad to be able to report that Camas prairie is safe tonight and for the present and that absolutely no buildings in the vicinity have been burned, as was first reported. The fire in the timber ran right up to the prairie line and burned a few fences, but we attacked it there by backfiring and worked it back in this manner clear to the old Clinton road. We hope tomorrow to work it back as far as the summit and extinguish every brand that might be fanned into life and start new fires."

"There are now 100 men, well equipped and generalised, at work on the fire, 75 having been taken up from Bonner Sunday and the others sent up by the forest service here today. They will be able to handle the situation nicely I think and there is really no danger. Sunday the situation was bad, but today it is O. K."

At Fish Lake.

"The fire that has been burning near Fish Lake for several days is running towards Cottonwood creek. One of our men, George Fox, with William Boyd and Charles Jakways are in charge of the situation with a crew of 26 men and they reported that they hope to be able to keep the flames from getting into the Cottonwood valley."

"All of this talk about Bonner burning and being in danger is nonsense. It is in no danger and has not been from the forest fires or any other cause."

REFUGEES LOCATED COMFORTABLY

ASSIGNMENTS MADE OF 80 JOURNERS WHILE THEY ARE IN THIS CITY.

The relief committee yesterday received and cared for a number of refugees who came in on the special trains over the Northern Pacific and also the Puget Sound. Meals were served to those who desired and all were well cared for. The refugees on these last trains were not in want and the committee only found it necessary to providing stopping places for a limited number.

The following is the list of the destitute arrivals yesterday, the disposition of which has been made by the committee. The list of the others who arrived later in the day will not be available until some time today:

Mrs. James Legard of St. Regis. Stopping at the Windsor hotel.

Mrs. Nina Teare and three children of St. Regis. Stopping at the Windsor hotel.

Mrs. M. Welber, Mrs. L. M. Payne and Mrs. Laugh of St. Regis. Stopping at the Belmont hotel.

Mrs. V. Ridley and two children of St. Regis. Stopping at the Missoula hotel.

Mrs. C. D. Mills and three children of De Borgia. Stopping with R. Mathews at 509 East Front street.

Mrs. Mills is worried over the safety of her husband. The last account she had of his whereabouts was two miles out in the country, fighting the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. George Demers and two children of DeBorgia. Stopping with Joseph Deschamps.

Chester Harwood, reported to be lost, is safe at the home of Mrs. Crawshaw and has been there most of the time since arriving in Missoula.

Barney Burnett and wife, for 18 years residents in Wallace, are stopping at the J. S. Richardson home.

STEVENSVILLE IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Washington, Aug. 22.—(Special)—The population of Stevensville, Ravalli county, as announced today, was 796 in 1900 it was 346.

CATARRH GOES.

So Does Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Croup and Asthma.

You can easily tell by reading the symptoms below, whether you have catarrh or not:

Offensive breath, frequent sneezing, discharge from the nose, stoppage of the nose, huskiness of the voice, tickling in throat, droppings in throat, a cough, pain in chest, loss of strength, variable appetite, spasms of coughing, loss of sleep, raising of mucus, difficulty in breathing, loss of vital force.

George Frelshelmer has a sensible remedy (money back if it fails) for catarrh, called Hyomel (pronounced High-o-mel) which is a vaporized air, so antiseptic, that when it is breathed over the inflamed and germ-infested membrane, it kills all germ life, gives relief in two minutes, and cures catarrh.

The price, including hard rubber inhaler, is only \$1.00. The hard rubber pocket inhaler will last a lifetime, so that should you need a second bottle of Hyomel, you can get it for 50 cents.

GOVERNOR CANNOT BE LOCATED ANYWHERE

HIS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AFTER LEAVING LIBBY ON ACCOUNT OF FIRES.

Helena Aug. 22.—No one in the executive offices at the capital knew the exact whereabouts of Governor Norris this afternoon up to 8 o'clock. He was practically incommunicado, owing to the fact that telegraph lines are prostrated between Helena and Spokane, and as the governor was en route to Libby, where forest fires are raging and threatening the town with destruction, he could not be reached except around by way of San Francisco, thence to Seattle and from there to Spokane and then to Libby, with the "subject-to-delay" stamp on each telegram. Many inquiries were made at the capitol this afternoon as to the governor's whereabouts and his movements, but no satisfactory answer could be given.

Private Secretary Aiken could only say that Governor Norris had gone to Libby and that the wires were burned down by forest fires and he could not get in touch with him. He had forwarded all telegrams in a roundabout way, but had received no answers.

Governor Requested.

Governor Norris received a telegram while with the army engineers at Great Falls Sunday that Libby was likely to be destroyed by forest fires that were creeping slowly but surely to a dangerous proximity of the town. He was urgently requested to do whatever he could to afford relief to the inhabitants and also to check the flames. The chief executive immediately responded "that he would at once take measures to do what he could for the relief of Libby. He called upon the railroad for a special train and loaded it with such firefighting material as was available at the moment and sent a telegram to the employment department of the reclamation service at Belton to meet the special train and be ready with as many men as possible and whatever firefighting equipment on hand there."

The governor went along with the train, personally to take charge of the fire situation, and since yesterday morning and up to last evening has been cut off from communication because of the telegraph wires being down.

Rush Message.

A rush message was received here this afternoon from Forest Inspector Conkling at Bozeman asking Governor Norris to sanction the employment of the local militia company to fight the fires that are hourly increasing in the Gallatin forest. This telegram was forwarded immediately in hope of catching the governor tonight, but there is little chance of reaching him, as the heat from the fires is increasing to such degree that the wire conditions are getting worse.

FOREST FIRE NOTES

Moochers were busy early yesterday, but the pinching of two or three by policemen threw cold water on their industry. Missoula is cursed with a sorry lot of beggars. Great, big, able-bodied fellows ask for 10 cents, when firefighters, sewer ditchers and other laborers are needed. They did not get much yesterday. One went so far as to beg for the stump of a cigarette.

"Some narrow escapes were made," said a railroad man at the Northern Pacific station. "I saw a lady who got away with one suit and a phonograph horn. She wore the suit and carried the horn. I did not see the phonograph, but think it was burned. "A man got away with a fur coat, and he wore it all day."

"It's not any worse in Missoula than in Helena," said a trainman from the latter city last night. "The sky has the same glaring glow there and ashes are falling without respect to person, just as they are here. The reflection of the great fires is seen brilliantly many miles from this section of the state."

"A noticeable feature of the personnel of refugees will have arrived in Missoula from the fire-swept district, remarked an observant citizen last night. "Is the number of old people who have luckily escaped the flames. Though broken in years it is evident that nearly all of them have been the first to whom care was given."

"And then there are the little babies," added the man with a tender heart. "Have you seen them? Little wee boys and girls, with bright blue and brown eyes bleared by smoke, about which they in their thinness could perceive nothing. I saw one nice-looking lady walk into a hotel last night with a sky-eyed little fellow, who seemed to peer away into the rose of the western heavens, as if wondering, 'What's it all about?' At least the tiny boys and girls are not worrying."

"Wipe thy weary eyes," is a title for another good song with a roseate setting, in Missoula.

"Man's inhumanity to man—that's all wrong," said the man who had just dug a cinder out of his eye. "Go to the bulletin board of The Missoulian and listen to the exclamations from pretty girls and their handsome escorts. 'Oh, it's such a pity! Let's help them as much as we can, because we have the comforts of a home of our own.' This is only a fair imitation of the Missoula spirit," he added with pride.

The crowds around The Missoulian bulletin boards since the fires have been raging, have been interesting. They gaze with glaring eyes at the latest reports and every single soul shows a mark of deep concern. The

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For Summer Suits Worth \$20, \$22.50, \$25 and \$27.50

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The above further reductions are the very lowest ever offered in Missoula or anywhere else, to our knowledge, on such high-quality suits as the Alfred Benjamin New York made garments. If there are men waiting for the bottom price, they have not waited in vain. Now is the accepted time, and immediate buying is urged, for a quick clearance is inevitable. Of course sizes are already broken in many patterns, but the longer you delay, the more liable you are to disappointment. If you can be fitted, the suit you get is worth \$10 to \$25 more than you pay for it.

New Clearance Bargains--Second Floor

Each Week Sees New Ready-to-Wear Bargains—Always Have an Eye Here

Several New Items So Deeply Underpriced as to Hardly Cover Cost

Clearance: Wool Dresses, \$8.75

ALSO ONE-PIECE AND COAT DRESSES WORTH UP TO \$42.50 AT SAME PRICE.

About 10 dresses is all there are, which fact prevents this item from being a head-liner. Broadcloths, serges and fancy mixed suitings in every desirable style. The early comers are going to get them; \$25.00 to \$42.50 values for..... \$8.75

Clearance: Dress Skirts, \$5.00

A clearance of fine spring and summer dress skirts that stands without precedent. Here are skirts that you would desire for whatever occasion for fine wear; serges, panamas and fine mixed qualities that sell regularly from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Choice of some 25 garments at only an even..... \$5.00

Clearance: Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters

GIRLS' SWEATERS—Close knit, in pure white and white with pink or blue trimmings, only..... \$1.25
WOMEN'S SWEATERS—\$3.50 values in plain black, white or gray, with bound edges..... \$1.75
WOMEN'S SWEATERS—Values to \$7.50 in a great variety of colors; biggest and best bargains, at..... \$3.49

Clearance: Wash Dresses, \$1.98

An assortment of about 35 dresses that have not been in more than a few weeks, hence are new midsummer ideas, developed in lawns, percales and ginghams. Styles are too varied for detailed description, but the values are fine at the usual price of \$3.50. Clearance Sale Price..... \$1.98

Clearance: Nobby Waists, 50c

Your owning one of these will be most gratifying not only because you paid so little, but because the styles are so very neat and the materials so very nice. Black satens and percales and chambrays in all the best colors, worth fully three times the Clearance Sale Price..... 50c

Clearance: Splendid Wrappers, 39c

Housedresses of the kind and style that every housekeeper needs and admires. No need to tell you that you could not buy the material and make them yourself for so little money, besides, unless you were an exceptionally good seamstress, these would outclass you. On sale at..... 39c

Footwear Bargain List—Compare

BARGAINS FOR WOMEN

Women's canvas, Oxfords and pumps in white and all colors, usual prices from \$2.00 up to \$3.50. Any style, clearing at, pair..... 49c

Women's \$3.00 to \$5.00 Oxfords, nearly all small sizes, late styles and most durable qualities, about 200 pairs, clearing at..... 75c

Women's and Misses' patent kid and tan Oxfords, heavy and light weight soles. Genuine \$2.00 to \$3.00 values. Clearance..... 95c

Women's \$3.50 Oxfords and one to three-strap pumps in patent and dull calf leathers. Very comfortable and tasty, pair..... \$1.90

Women's patent and tan kid pumps and Oxfords in guaranteed \$4.00 grades. A few dull leathers also. Clearance price, pair..... \$2.65

Rare Bargains

Infants' one-strap pumps in white, pink or blue cravenette, sizes 0 to 3, worth 60c the pair. Clearance sale price..... 35c

Boys' also men's tennis Oxfords and balm, tan or black; worth \$1.00 a pair. Going in the clearance sale, the pair, only..... 49c

Infants' patent kid and tan Oxfords, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.00 the pair, sizes 5 to 8. Clearance sale price, pair..... 79c

Infants' one-strap pumps, in patent kid, bronze, gray, red or blue, worth \$1.75; sizes 5 to 8. Clearance at, pair..... 89c

Children's patent kid and tan Oxfords, regularly worth \$2.00 to \$2.50, sizes 8 1-2 to 11..... 90c

BARGAINS FOR MEN

Men's canvas shoes and Oxfords, choice of several styles leather, reinforced at the vital points; \$3.00 values. Clearance, pair..... \$1.45

Men's W. L. Douglas \$4.00 Oxfords, in patent leather, tan or box calf skin; sizes only 5 1-2 to 8. Clearance price, pair, only..... \$1.90

Men's patent leather and tan calf, vici kid and dull calf Oxfords, new lasts and styles; worth to \$4.00. Clearance price..... \$2.45

Men's kid and patent leather Oxfords, a few dull leathers; all sizes and widths. Clearance sale price, pair, only..... \$2.95

Men's fine Stacy Adams \$6.00 Oxfords, highest grades available, all leathers, all sizes, all widths. Clearance sale price, pair..... \$3.75

Women's \$1 and \$1.25 union suits; tight or lace styles, now..... 50c

Donohue's

ALWAYS RELIABLE

Women's sleeveless knit vests; usually 12 1-2c each now..... 5c

wide variance of their remarks bespeaks their various vocations in life, but, with it all, there is a soul-heart interest.

"I have heard a great deal about western hospitality," said a stranger in the city yesterday, "but I have never seen it more beautifully exemplified than in this instance. All honor to the citizens of Missoula and the chamber of commerce."

The mountain reel is not dead. One poor fellow, homeless but far from disheartened, arrived yesterday morning with his fiddle encased in his arm. "The man who hath no music in his soul," etc.

"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight," remarked one of the poetic startled ones. "It is now 2 o'clock and yet it's midnight."

WITH THE FIGHTERS.

Jack ("Twin") Sullivan and Porky Flynn will meet at Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 24.

If there is enough money in sight, Ad Wolgast will box Ray Bronson in New Orleans.

George Gardner has signed to meet John Willie in Winnipeg the latter part of August.

Harry Forbes, the Chicago feather-weight, figures he has "come back" and will meet Johnny Powers in private.

Jack Johnson says that Sam Langford did well in calling off his "bout" with Al Kaufman, as Al has it on the Boston Tar Baby.

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