

AN AWFUL FREAK TAKES MORE COIN IS LIGHTNING TO CONDUCT IN FORESTS LIBRARY

INTERESTING STORY OF HOW ELECTRIC STORMS START FOREST FIRES.

Exhaustive inquiry has established the fact that lightning ranks next to railroads as a source of forest fires. Forest officers say that the increasing care with fire on the part of the railroads and the public generally tends to make lightning the largest single contributing cause.

This statement represents a change of view from that held less than a decade ago in this country, when forest journals gravely argued whether lightning caused forest fires, though it was known that trees were the objects most often struck. Trees are said to be often struck simply because they are so numerous, and extending upward they shorten the distance between the ground and the clouds; farther, their branches in the air and roots well into the earth invite electrical discharges.

None Immune.

While certain trees are said to invite lightning, and others to be immune from stroke, it seems to be a fact that any kind of tree will be struck, and the most numerous tree species in any locality is the one most likely to suffer.

Other things being equal, lightning seeks the tallest tree, or an isolated tree, or one on high ground. A deep-rooted tree is a better conductor than a shallow-rooted one, and a tree full of sap, or wet with rain, is, of course, a better conductor than a dry one.

Lightning sets fires by lighting the tree itself, particularly when it is dead, or partly decayed and punky, or by lighting the dry humus or duff at its base. The forest soil, when dried out, ignites readily because it is made of partly decayed twigs and leaves, and it can hold a smoldering fire for a considerable period. It is probable that most of the lightning-set fires start in the duff.

Dry Thunderstorms.

In the mountains of southern California, Arizona and New Mexico there are likely to be each year a number of electrical disturbances known as "dry thunderstorms." They come at the end of the long dry season, and being unaccompanied by rain are very likely to start many serious fires. For this reason the forest service has been keen in its maximum fire fighting strength in those regions until the rains are fully established. In the plans and organization for fire fighting the service aims emphatically to catch these unpreventable lightning-set fires at the time they start.

DESERTION.

Butte, May 2.—Specialist David Robinson today filed an action for divorce from Flora Robinson on the ground of extreme cruelty. They were married in Missoula July 6, 1911, and there is one child. The plaintiff asserts that his wife neglected her household duties, he says that about the middle of August, 1913, his wife left him and took the child along. About the middle of January, 1914, he says that she returned and said to him, "Here is the kid; I don't want it." She immediately left the home of her husband and he says that he has not heard from her since.

ELK MINSTREL MEN MEET AT NOON TODAY

There will be an important rehearsal of the Elks' minstrel at noon today in the temple. This hour, while somewhat unusual, seemed best for all concerned, and if everybody is on time they will not be detained but a short time. The music is to be tried out again under Musical Director Medcalf, and afterwards the minstrel work will be taken up by Billy Anderson, who has been selected to have that part of the show.

HOUSE HUNTING

This class ad hunted for houses, hunted well, and quickly. It appeared in the classified columns of The Missoulian-Sentinel but two days and then the advertiser informed that he had received several answers to his appeal for a house and that from the list he would make a choice. It's much easier to have houses come to you, than to roam about town in search of one.

This is the class ad:

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Local Brevities

8% money to loan. J. M. Price Co.—Adv.
H. L. Clark of Frenchtown is in the city.
Marsh, the undertaker. Phone 321.—Adv.
L. H. Benway of Seattle is a Missoula visitor.
Stenographer. Dawson, Montana blk.—Adv.
W. H. Gattward of Spokane is in the city on business.
Dr. Ward, veterinarian. Both phones.—Adv.

A. G. Johnson of Helena is calling on Missoula friends.
"A genuine bargain"—Shapard's noonday lunch, 25c.—Adv.
Effie Wilson of Frenchtown is visiting Missoula friends.
Boys and girls' elk hide shoes; all colors: \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, at Mapes & Mapes.—Adv.
Chris H. King of Denver is here on a brief business visit.
Dr. Willard, osteopath. First National bank.—Adv.
Dan C. Parker of St. Paul is here making a business call.
Home-made ice cream served at the Coffee Parlor.—Adv.

D. T. McClellan spent yesterday in the city from Corvallis.
Get the habit—save while you can. We pay four per cent interest. The Banking Corporation.—Adv.
A. E. Downs of Seattle stopped in Missoula for the day yesterday.
Dr. Anna James, osteopath. Higgins block. Phone 434 blk.—Adv.

Albert Black of Helena came over yesterday afternoon for a short visit.
When in Butte stop at the Acoma; \$1 a day and upwards.—Adv.
W. R. Cunningham of Helena came over last night to spend Sunday here.
Perma auto livery to Camas Hot Springs. Wade Parks, Mgr.—Adv.
Dewey Sausley and W. E. Price are visiting in town from their home at Arlee.

Newton H. Schwelker, optical specialist. Rooms 203-205 Montana Bldg.—Adv.
Ben Webb and wife of Dixon are spending a few days in the Garden City.
Easy fitting elk hide shoes for men, women and children. We have all sizes. Prices, \$2 to \$4, at Mapes & Mapes.—Adv.

Mrs. E. W. Moon of St. Regis came in yesterday to spend a few days with friends.
The Missoulian has the best duplicating second sheets for letters. 75c per 1,000.—Adv.

H. B. Wiles and family are making a short visit here, coming yesterday from their home in Victor.
Money to loan on ranch and city property. H. D. Fisher, 113 E. Main.—Adv.
Richard Dee, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, spent Saturday in the city.
Dr. Louise Smith, osteopath. Masonic temple. Phone 618; res., 533 red.—Adv.

A. E. Gardiner and family came from their home in Florence yesterday to make a short stay in Missoula with friends.
Handy scratch pads and water checks for sale at The Missoulian office.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Ferguson entertained a few of their friends informally last evening. The evening was made pleasant with instrumental and vocal music.
Lawn mowers sharpened by special machinery. Called for and delivered. Phone 238. J. P. Reinhard, 104 West Main.—Adv.

There will be a regular meeting of the North Side Progressive League Monday evening at the Whittier school. No special program has been announced.

These warm spring days you can make a hit with your wife by inviting her to one of Shapard's famous noonday lunches, 25c.—Adv.
John Jackson arrived here from Wallace yesterday to remain for the funeral of his brother and sister, who died at the Sisters' hospital here within the last two days.

P. E. Linden and wife, Miss Rohel and Fred M. Ferrell compose a party of Columbia Falls folks who arrived in Missoula last evening. They are registered at the Palace.
It is not what you earn, but what you save that makes wealth. Deposit your savings with us at four per cent interest. The Banking Corporation.—Adv.

The suffrage meeting for the Fourth precinct, announced for next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Woodson, has been postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Woodson.

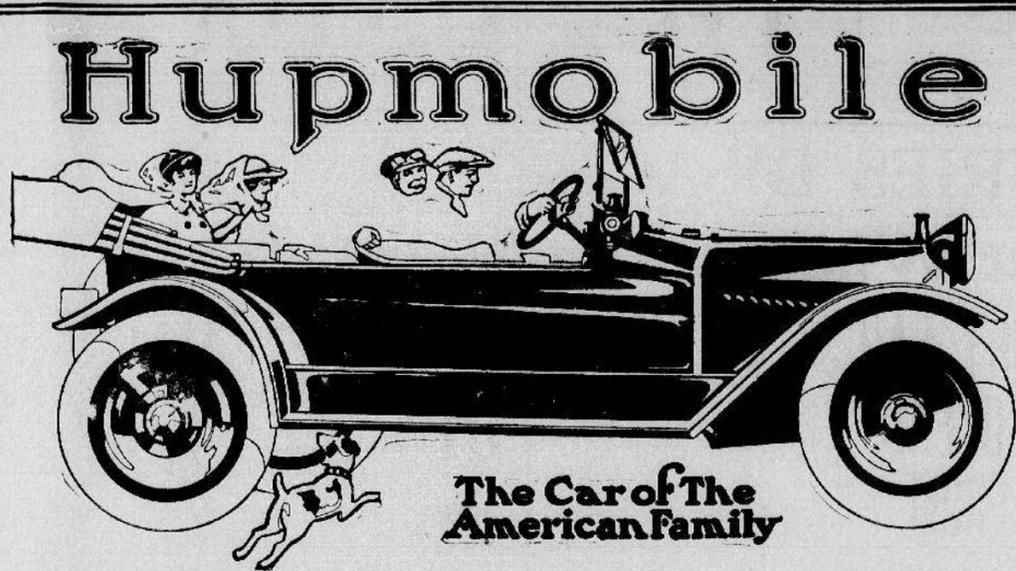
Dr. M. J. Elerod of the university took his biology class on an excursion into the woods yesterday. They made the trip on the Milwaukee branch to Potomac and spent a very happy day.

Mrs. J. J. Fitzgibbon of Hamilton came to Missoula yesterday afternoon to remain until the funeral of her half-brother, George Turk, which takes place here Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Milwaukee road hauled a train of 16 cars of Montana stock yesterday. The train was of cattle from the Big Hole basin. The leading point was Anaconda. The beef is going to the coast.

Major Fred Morgan of the Flathead agency stopped here last night on his way to the Jocko agency from Butte, where he has been for several days attending cases in the United States district court.

The Royal Neighbors will hold a big meeting here Thursday evening, May 7, at the Knights of Pythias hall. All new members are urged to be present as there will be decree work of special interest to them. A social session will follow the business meeting.
A report was received here last night that there was a forest fire burning about six miles east of Potomac. The fire was sighted from the Milwaukee branch late in the afternoon,



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but as no word came to the forest service headquarters it is believed that the blaze was from the burning brush that was under complete control.

VARSITY ORATORS GET ALL OFFICES

At the meeting of the State Oratorical society, held at Deer Lodge after the contest Friday night, the officers of the association for the next year were selected. The university orators secured every office in the gift of the association by the election of the following: William Long, president; Payne Templeton, vice president; Bruce Hopper, secretary-treasurer. The university's representatives returned from Deer Lodge yesterday.

A Stubborn Cough is Wearing and Risky. Letting a stubborn cough "hang on" is letting it fester. Foley's Honey & Tar Compound breaks raw inflamed surfaces in the throat and bronchial tubes—makes sore, weak spots sound and whole—stops stubborn, tearing coughs. Refuse substitutes, Missoula Drug Co.—Adv.

WINE HOUSE CORPORATION. Articles of Incorporation of the California Wine House were filed for record with the county clerk yesterday. The company is capitalized at

\$40,000 there being 4,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each, 2,000 shares having been subscribed. The incorporators are: Thomas H. Thibadeau, George S. Grover, F. R. Thibadeau and E. L. Grover.

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