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FOREST FIRES RAGING NEAR PESHASTIN

UNKNOWN MAN WHO FIRED TIMBER AND SHOT AT TWO MEN STILL AT LARGE—RESIDENTS ARE TERRORIZED.

The most disastrous forest fires in the history of Chelan county are now raging east of Peshastin, according to Sheriff Ferguson, who returned last night from the affected sections. The fire is burning fiercely in Eagle and Darby Gulches and if it is not soon stopped it will clear off the timber on the headwaters of the Swakane and Entiat.

Sheriff Ferguson went to Peshastin Thursday afternoon and found the people in a state of terror. No effort was being made to stop the devastation of the flames. An attempt had been made to assassinate Harry Love and Forest Ranger Blankenship, who had sought to restrain the firing of the timber by some unknown man. The assassin was surprised by Harry Love, a 15 year old boy, and the boy received a shot through his hat.

Blankenship was also fired upon twice while riding through the timber.

After arriving at Peshastin Thursday afternoon Sheriff Ferguson deputized the whole community and soon had 40 or 50 armed men patrolling the section affected by the fire. He easily located the spot where the assassin was sitting when he fired upon Blankenship. With this clue he sent to Spokane for Harry Draper's bloodhounds but Draper was out of the city when the message arrived. Mr. Ferguson had word from him this morning, but owing to the time that had elapsed it was thought that the dogs would have but little chance to pick up the scent.

Neither Love nor Blankenship can identify the man who did the shooting and fired the timber. The report at first was that the man was an Indian, but as a matter of fact the men were so badly scared that they could not swear as to the color of the man.

Nothing in the history of Peshastin has so stirred the community as have the events of the past few days. Neighbors are watching neighbors and fearing another outbreak, either in the form of a shot or the starting of another fire.

Sheriff Ferguson expects to return to Peshastin and help solve the mystery. The underbrush is so thick that man trailing is very difficult in the Peshastin hills.

Orondo Property Sold.

Last Saturday County Treasurer Fawley, pursuant to an order of the board of county commissioners, sold about 25 acres of land in the old townsite of Orondo, belonging to the county, says the Douglas County Press. This land was acquired by the county during the hard times for taxes. There were some few choice lots but the most of the land laid immediately adjoining the river and was of little value for agricultural purposes. J. B. Smith, L. C. Ross, D. C. Towne and Ole Ruud were the purchasers.

County Supt. T. C. Hartley and Sheriff J. D. Logan took a little flier in a few of the lots but got cold feet and unloaded their holdings to the above purchasers. We are informed that an effort will be made to have the original town of Orondo and Smith's first and second additions to the same vacated by the commissioners as it possesses no value as town property and is only valuable for agricultural purposes.

Aeroplane Records.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—Orville Wright made a new record sustained in aeroplane flight with a passenger. He remained in the air one hour and 35 minutes, breaking his own record of one hour and 12 minutes.

Ostend, Sept. 18.—Lieut. Palham, the French aviator, in a biplane, won the prize of \$5,000, covering 45 1-3 miles in one hour at an altitude ranging from 240 to 300 feet.

Governor Johnson Improving. Rochester, Sept. 18.—Governor Johnson is resting easy and was suffering little pain at 8:30 this morning. He, however, is in a badly exhausted condition but holding his own.

In spite of his sufferings the governor did not forget the courtesies due to the chief executive of the nation and dictated a message welcoming the president, who sent in reply a gracious message and hopes for a speedy recovery.

DENMARK MINISTER COMING

PUBLICITY AGENT MCKITTRICK WIRES THE DAILY WORLD THAT COLONEL CARR WILL BE HERE TUESDAY.

Publicity Agent Lem McKittrick wired the Daily World that Colonel Carr, formerly minister to Denmark, would arrive in Wenatchee next Tuesday on No. 4. He suggests that the people of Wenatchee give him a royal welcome as he is coming to Wenatchee with the idea of becoming a citizen of the place himself and it is also stated that Colonel Carr represents quite a colony who will locate here if he is satisfied.

Mr. McKittrick also states that there are a great many western people who have visited the fair during the past month and that he has booked quite a number for Wenatchee.

HOLLAND CAPITALISTS HERE

R. INSINGER OF THE HYPOTHEKBANK OF SPOKANE AND J. B. HARTSINCK, AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE, IN VALLEY

R. Insinger, who was chairman of the board of directors of the National Irrigation congress which met in Spokane and is also a president of the Hypotheekbank of Spokane, and J. B. Hartsinck, American representative of the Netherlands Mortgage company of Amsterdam, accompanied by George W. Hendricks of Waterville, have spent the past several days driving over the valley and acquainting themselves with conditions here.

Mr. Insinger has been in the valley a number of times previously but never made as thorough an examination as at this time. He is very much pleased with the city and the fine orchards surrounding it.

It is understood that these men, who represent Holland capitalists, are going to take a more liberal view as to loans in this valley, as a result of their trip here.

Died of Old Age.
James Crum, aged 87 years, died yesterday at the home of his son, Frank Crum, at Orondo. The cause of death was old age. Mr. Crum leaves a wife and four sons, E. A. Crum, of Bellingham; F. W. and E. J. Crum, of Chelan county, and Charles Crum, of Michigan.

Interment will be at the old home of Mr. Crum in Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa. The Wenatchee Undertaking company has charge of the body.

COMPLETE PUMP-ING PLANT

David R. McGinnis came down the river yesterday and left for KallsPELL, Mont., on the afternoon train. Mr. McGinnis is very enthusiastic over the success of a new pumping plant which he has just installed on his place at Brays. On a test the plant pumped 450 gallons per minute for ten hours, raised at a distance of 52 feet. The pump is propelled by a 20 h. p. gasoline engine. He expects to irrigate 240 acres with it during the coming season.

Arrested Jap for Larceny.

Jesse Bonar, of the Waterville hotel, had a Jap working for him for several weeks. When he arrived in Waterville the Jap had a small hand-grip but when he quit the place he had a trunk which was heavily laden. Mr. Bonar was a little suspicious and got out a search warrant and examined the trunk. He found it filled with the hotel linen, towelings, silverware and in fact everything the Jap could find to lay his hands on. The Jap came down yesterday but the trunk did not reach Wenatchee until today. The Jap was at the boat this morning to get his trunk and was nabbed by Sheriff Ferguson and will be taken back to Waterville tomorrow morning by Mr. Bonar.

Issued Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued this morning by County Auditor Godfrey to Harry Geerds and Annie E. Davis, both of Leavenworth.

ESTIMATED CITY EXPENSES

COUNCIL HAS MADE ESTIMATE FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHICH WILL MAKE LEVY OF 15 MILLS.

The city council met last night in adjourned session for the purpose of making an estimate of the expenditures for the coming year that the levy might be made by the board of county commissioners at its session next month. The following is the report of the finance committee, which went very carefully over the receipts and expenditures of this city for the past year and this report was adopted by the committee and is as follows:

Disbursements—	
Public health department	\$ 400.00
City attorney's office	1,200.00
City clerk's office	1,800.00
Police department (salaries)	3,840.00
Police expenses, jail, meals for prisoners	1,000.00
Street sprinkling	1,000.00
Salary street commr.	900.00
Sidewalks and crosswalks	200.00
Cleaning and grading	400.00
Engineering, salaries and expenses	5,000.00
City treasurer	720.00
Lights (streets and alleys)	3,000.00
Fire department	4,000.00
Parks	600.00
Rent	1,200.00
Fuel	300.00
Advertising and publishing	400.00
Interest on bonds and warrants	4,000.00
Equipping offices in new city building	3,000.00
Total	\$32,960.00

Receipts—	
Police fines	\$ 1,000.00
Show and other licenses	500.00
Dog tax and pound fees	200.00
Poll tax	900.00
Sundry collections	400.00
Total	\$ 3,000.00

Disbursements	\$32,960.00
Receipts	3,000.00
Total	\$29,960.00

It is estimated that the assessed valuation for the city for the coming year will be a little over \$2,000,000, and in order to produce \$29,960 the estimated expenses, it will be necessary for the board to make a levy of 14 1/2 mills. Last year the levy was but 5 mills, thus the levy this year will be almost three times the rate of taxation of last year.

The council last year did not realize the development that was to take place. The census taken was something like 3,800 people in this city and the census taken in July was 5,250 people, thus indicating the rapid growth which has taken place within the past year in the population. With the increase of people new homes have been built in remote additions. These mean new streets, new cross-walks, extension of water systems and a great deal of money out of the general fund. The council this year has in mind the making of a sufficient levy to carry on the increased business of the city.

Pool to Hold Wheat.

Waterville, Sept. 18.—The local farmers' union held a secret meeting Wednesday afternoon. The object was to consider the wheat situation. Two pools were formed by the various owners of wheat, one for the purpose of selling at once and the other—one of more than 150,000 bushels—to hold for a dollar market. The present price of wheat is 84 cents. A. A. Elmore, of Mansfield, was one of the principal speakers.

Land Transfers at Peshastin.

Mr. Mullerlelle, of Wenatchee, was here Wednesday looking after his Cascade Orchard ranch. He told of some land deals near Peshastin which he was instrumental in making. H. W. Otis sold to John Proctor, pruser of one of the Columbia & Okanogan Steamboat Co.'s boats, 5 acres set to four year old trees at \$700 per acre. J. W. Burns, 10 acres in bearing orchard to the Bigelow Brothers, from Chicago, for \$850 per acre. E. K. Harvey, 10 acres in two and three year old trees to A. Richmond, recently from Muncie, Indiana, for \$900 per acre.

Mr. Boston, who was here Monday told us of a 5-acre tract recently sold by C. S. Craig to a Seattle party for \$900 per acre. The tract was in two year old trees.—Echo, Leavenworth.

Street Car Strike.

Omaha, Sept. 18.—The street car system of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company walked out today. Better wages and conditions are demanded.

SATISFIED WITH APPLE PRICES

GROWERS OF THE VALLEY PLEASED OVER THE PRICES ESTABLISHED BY THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The fruit growers of the valley feel very much pleased over the prices offered for the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' association apple pool. The prices this year as indicated by the bids are the highest ever paid for apples in this valley at this season of the year.

While some of the directors of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' association assert that the prices published in the Daily World of last night were not authorized nor were they correct, yet those in a position to know state that the prices were in the main correct. Some one or two varieties, however, which received bids were omitted and as corrected the bids stand as follows:

Bought by Gibson Fruit Co.	
Spitzenbergs	\$2.50.
Winesaps	\$2.25.
Black Bens	\$1.75.
Jonathan	\$1.75.
Missouri Pippins	\$1.50.

The following are the varieties which Conrad Rose gets: Delicious, \$3.00. Arkansas Black, \$2.10. Staymans Winesap, \$1.65. Ben Davis, \$1.40. Rome Beauty, \$1.65. Black Twig, \$1.50.

Conrad Rose, of the Wenatchee Produce company, stated this morning that he had several cars yet to ship to Alaska to fill orders there, but that the bulk of the apples bought through the association will be shipped east.

KELLY ACQUITTED YESTERDAY

LEAVENWORTH MAN CHARGED WITH WIFE BEATING FREED BY JURY—CONSIDERED HE HAD RIGHT TO BEAT WIFE.

Barnard Kelly, of Leavenworth, was on yesterday acquitted by the jury of the charge of beating his wife. The testimony showed that there had been friction between the couple for some time and Mrs. Kelly was desirous of getting rid of her husband. The jury returned a verdict of acquittal after being out but a few minutes.

Profits by Old Will.

Mrs. Benjamin Davis of Riverside, Wash., has been advised that she is the heir to a valuable estate in the state of New York, says the Riverside Argus. Her father, William Walker, died in the Empire state more than 50 years ago. Before his death he appointed his brother James as administrator of his estate, willing a tract of land and a mansion to his daughter, then a little child, now Mrs. Davis, 61 years of age.

Mrs. Davis years ago received a copy of the will of her father, but her uncle, the administrator, could not be located. A few days ago Mrs. Davis received a notice from the son of her uncle, the administrator, that his father had recently died and that in examining his papers the original will of Mrs. Davis' father had been found. The property bequeathed to the daughter consists of a tract of land and a mansion located in East Meadow Brooks, Long Island, N. Y. The recipient of the legacy was found in a roundabout way.

Mrs. Davis formerly lived in California, and old letters from her were found in New York. By writing to postmasters in the state of California Mrs. Davis was traced to this place. She has given orders that the estate be sold and the proceeds of the sale be forwarded to her. She has resided in this section one year, coming here from Spokane. She has four sons living in this county, and she and her husband own a valuable ranch in the Chewhlliken valley, 20 miles northeast of here.

An effort will be made tonight to bring back to this city H. R. Stearns, of Orchard avenue, who last spring went to Seattle hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial to him. He is in a bad shape physically.

William Sprowl and Leon Spalding, both of Omak, came down to this city this week. Young Sprowl will go to Pullman the first of the week to enter the state college, while Spalding will enter the high school at this place.

A BOOST FROM COLLIER'S

EASTERN MAGAZINE HAS TWO ARTICLES FROM WELL KNOWN WRITERS WHICH PORTRAY ORCHARDING IN VALLEY.

The current issue of Colliers Weekly has illustrated articles from Edmund S. Meany of the state university and from Richard Lloyd Jones. The Jones story is illustrated by a good photograph of the valley while the Meany article contains a number of fruit scenes in the valley. The latter story also contains a not very truthful sketch of the life of one of the well known residents of the valley during his residence here, showing his rise from poverty to affluence within the period of a few years. The stories as a whole are very fine advertising for this valley.

CHARGE OF ALASKA ENTERPRISES

T. A. DAVIES, FORMERLY HEAD OF THE C. & O. CO. BUT NOW IN CHARGE OF JOHN SESNON INTERESTS IN CITY.

T. A. Davies, formerly general manager of the C. & O. Steamboat company of this city but now general manager of the John Sesnon company of Alaska, doing a steamboat, railroad and lighterage business, is in the city today. Mr. Davies has spent a large portion of the summer in the north but returned to Seattle some few weeks ago. He owns considerable land in the Okanogan and his visit here today was for the purpose of having the land improved. Accompanying Mr. Davies to the north were William Goggins and A. B. Woodson, both residents of this city. Mr. Goggins is now general superintendent of the Sesnon interests in the north. He has charge of the Nome Light company, the Seward Peninsula railway of 70 miles and also looks after the steamboat interests. Mr. Woodson is at the head of the clerical department of the Sesnon interests. Both like it very much in the north country. Mr. Woodson has several thousand Swedes employed. Most of these are recent arrivals and until recently there has been nothing spoken but the Norwegian language. Mr. Goggins wrote down to Mr. Davies recently that "It begins to seem like United States again as the Swedes are learning a few words of English."

FAVOR DIVISION OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 18.—As a result of the mass meeting Monday at which it was resolved to favor division of the state, a committee of ten met today to take preliminary steps to promulgate division. It is planned that all southern California counties and cities be invited to join the convention and take final action.

Insular Political Trouble.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, Sept. 18.—The local political situation here is serious. Factional feeling runs high. Frederick Norbert, mayor of Le Marin, was shot to death on the street by a policeman yesterday. His trial is set for September 26, and further bloodshed is feared.

Editor Harvey Injured.

Manhawkin, N. J., Sept. 18.—Col. George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, suffered a broken shoulder blade and was internally injured this afternoon by an automobile accident in which four others were hurt when the machine was overturned.

The entertainment given last night by the Eckhardt Bell Ringers was enjoyed by a large crowd. Their skill as bell ringers and musical entertainers was appreciated by all present.

David Mentser is back to Wenatchee after a three months' visit in Montana.

B. F. Harris and family left this morning for Russellville, Ark., to make their future home.

KNOCKS OUT BANKERS' LIFE

NEW INSURANCE LAW LEGISLATES OUT OF BUSINESS ASSESSMENT INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THIS STATE.

The Bankers Life Insurance company, which under the leadership of George O. Brewster did a large business in this valley, has been legislated out of business as far as new business is concerned, by the last session of the legislature.

Attorney General Bell rendered an opinion to the state insurance department relative to an interpretation of the new life insurance law, which, it is stated by an attorney for one of the affected companies, will have the effect of putting the eight assessment insurance companies doing business in the state, out of business so far as being permitted to solicit new business is concerned. The opinion holds that the new law repeals, by implication the provisions of the old law under which this class of insurance companies operated, and as the new law makes no mention or provision for them, it is held there is no legal authority under which they may continue to operate. This will not effect the business already written, but unless radical changes are made in the plan of the affected companies and their form of policies they will not be permitted to solicit new business.

So far as can be learned, this omission to provide for the assessment companies in the new law was unintentional on the part of the drafters of the bill. The measure was introduced by Senator Bassett, but he doubtless had assistance in drawing the measure.

The opinion affects eight companies doing business in this state, having, according to the report of the insurance department, \$13,205,344 in risks in effect in Washington at the first of this year, of which \$11,042,000 is carried by the Bankers' Life association alone.

Insurance Commissioner Schively stated that the companies could change their form, so as to become fraternal lodge associations or by the plan of establishing reserves. He said the bigger companies, at least, would have no trouble in doing this latter way, those having large assets, especially the Bankers' Life association. The chances for the smaller concerns doing business here until the laws are changed, however, appear nil.

The Bankers' Life association of Des Moines has more than \$11,000,000 of insurance in force in Washington.

The law prohibits from doing business in Washington all assessment life insurance companies, and this includes the Bankers' Life, the American Temperance Life Insurance association, Guarantee Fund Life, Illinois Bankers' Life, Merchants' Life, Minnesota Scandinavian Relief, National Life and Western Life Indemnity.

These eight companies wrote \$3,820,000 in risks last year, and have in force about \$13,000,000 of risks. The old risks will be in force, but under the new law no new insurance may be written. In an opinion to the insurance department today the attorney general rules that the law is plain and explicit, and that assessment life companies, except fraternal associations, which are provided for especially, can not do business here.

New Bank Established.

Waterville, Sept. 18.—The Douglas bank has been organized and will open for business at that village soon. J. W. Woolverton, of Waterville, and C. T. Hansen, of Spokane, are among the leading stockholders. The stock will be largely held by stockholders in the Waterville Savings bank. Douglas has had several grain warehouses erected and wheat is pouring in. Monday 20 loads were in line at one time.

On Trial for Selling Liquor Without a License.

Druggist Richards, of Cashmere, is being tried in the superior court today on the charge of selling liquor without a license. The state had its case in about 1 o'clock and it is expected that the case will go to the jury about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington Weather.

Washington—Fair except showers tonight and Sunday in the west portion. Easterly winds.