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## DEADLY FOREST FIRES.

MORE THAN 200 PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

Most all of the Dead Were Fire Fighters and Only One Woman is Known to Have Been Burned.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 24.—It is believed that more than 200 persons, nearly all fire fighters, perished in the Idaho forest fires.

Superintendent Weigel of the Coeur d'Alene National forest, after receiving many reports of disaster to various parties of his 600 employes, posted a bulletin today in his office at Wallace announcing the death of 114 of the men, and also stated his grave concern for the safety of Ranger Joseph B. Halm and 84 men who were surrounded by fire Saturday night in the forest on the Big Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river near where another party lost 13 men.

Halm was for four years the best athlete of the Washington State college at Pullman, a renowned football and baseball player.

The charred bodies of 20 fire fighters were found yesterday at Setzer creek in the St. Joe country.

The burned Japanese dragged themselves to Avery, Idaho last night and died of the death of their countrymen.

The 20 men, the employees of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, had gone out to fight fire and had been surrounded by flames, only two escaping death.

The rangers missing in the Thomson Fall country of Montana were not heard from today.

The number of deaths in the State of Washington was reduced to three, all in the Pend d'Oreille valley near Newport. One of the victims, Mrs. Ernest Reinhardt, wife of a rancher, was the only woman known to have been burned to death.

Nearly all the dead were fire fighters. The wholesale loss of life occurred Saturday afternoon and night when great numbers of men were striving to check the flames.

The names of many of the dead will never be known.

When the grounds of fire fighters were overwhelmed the camps were also destroyed. The clothes were burned off the bodies of the men and the bodies of the dead were often so charred that searchers stepped on them, thinking they were pieces of burned logs. The fire obliterated the trails and the burned country is difficult to go through because of fallen trees.

With the towns out of danger and the settlers fled to places of safety, the rangers were able to devote themselves entirely today to the saving of the trees. Various fires are isolated and will die for lack of fuel.

In Montana rain and snow fell, checking the flames. In Spokane today the sun shone clear and even in Wallace the smoke cloud was lifted.

No one ventures to estimate the financial loss as the extent of the burned area is not fully known.

## FOREST FIRES TAKE TOLL.

Property Loss at Wallace, Idaho, Remains at a Million—One Hundred Buildings Destroyed.

Wallace, Idaho, Aug. 22.—The loss of life in the forest fires that swept over the Coeur d'Alene region Saturday and Sunday is tonight placed at eighty persons.

Forestry officials received word that thirty-four fire fighters had been burned to death on Big Creek, and thirty had met death on Superior Lake.

Six men were killed in the Black Creek fire, three miles from here, three near Mullan and three at Wallace.

The whole country, from here to the St. Joe River, twenty-five miles, has been burned over. The loss at Wallace still stands at \$1,000,000. One hundred buildings were destroyed. The hospitals are full of wounded, a number of them blind.

## ANDERSON HEARS ORATORY.

CANDIDATES IN HOME STRETCH DELIVER GOOD SPEECHES.

The One Feature was Mr. Featherstone's Denunciation of Those Who Are Arrogantly Fighting Him—McLeod Seems to be Favorite for Governor.

Anderson, Aug. 22.—The meeting today was featureless almost. The "almost" was furnished by Mr. Featherstone, who used rather stronger language than usual in denouncing a certain circular he held in his hand while speaking, that he said has been scattered in the counties throughout which the campaign party has already passed.

This circular was headed, "Is He Appreciated by His Neighbors?" It sets forth that Mr. Featherstone has not held office in Laurens county. Mr. Featherstone characterized the document as "low down, contemptible and cowardly."

The rest of the meeting was like the usual campaign occurrence, except, perhaps, the fact that all the candidates seemed to be in better humor after a week's rest. Several of the candidates were late in reaching Anderson and an afternoon meeting was held.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock. Gen. M. L. Bonham, county chairman, presiding. The meeting was held in the court house and some 500 voters were on hand for the get-away.

### Taxes and Liquor.

The candidates for lieutenant governor were the first speakers. E. W. Duval was first. Mr. Duval discussed the State finances first, finishing his speech with a few local option remarks. Mr. Duval was generously applauded.

C. A. Smith followed and he, too, discussed the business affairs of the State. He completed his speech with a discussion of prohibition. Mr. Smith was applauded and at his conclusion was presented with a bouquet from the local Woman's Temperance union.

### Military Men.

The candidates for adjutant general were next. The military men did not vary in any extent from the usual eloquent efforts and as usual the discussions were very, very military.

Charles Newnam was first and was followed by W. W. Moore, J. M. Richardson was detained by a missed train connection and did not arrive in time to take his regular turn. He addressed the crowd after the recess. All these candidates were applauded.

The quartet of candidates for railroad commissioner followed. These singers had profited by their rest from the stage and all were in excellent voice today. Their remarks were punctuated with expressions of "five mile break," and similar lore. All received applause. They took their turns before the footlights in this order: G. H. Mahon, O. C. Scarborough, James Cansler, G. McD. Scarborough.

### Charges It to Whiskey Men.

C. C. Featherstone was first gubernatorial candidate to speak. After telling of his youth and young manhood spent in Anderson, he took up what he termed "a disagreeable duty," the denouncing of a circular he held in his hand. Mr. Featherstone said it was not sent out from Laurens, but was mailed on the trains and not at the postoffice, the subterfuge concealing the points from which the anonymous circular was dispatched. The speaker exonerated all of his opponents, saying they were honorable men. He charged whiskey interests with being responsible for the circular.

Mr. Featherstone then took up prohibition and as usual made a strong prohibition talk. He was applauded and presented with a bouquet from the Woman's Temperance union.

### For Local Option.

Thomas G. McLeod was next, and he made a splendid local option speech. Mr. McLeod spoke of the circular Mr. Featherstone referred to and, like the first speaker, denounced the sending out of such literature. Mr. McLeod said he voted for prohibition in Lee, as did the Anderson voters in Anderson, but he stood staunchly for local option. He stressed the fact that he is not an advocate of liquor selling or drinking. Mr. McLeod explained that the whiskey question should be taken out of South Carolina politics, and said that the local option situation will remove it from politics.

He said that the sentiment of the citizens means enforcement of local option or prohibition. He stressed the fact with all the emphasis of which he was capable, that he advocated earnestly the enforcement of every law on the statute books, or those that may be placed there in all and

## SMITH CAME BACK.

RETURNS SHOW HE HAS BEATEN LITTLE JOE BROWN.

Enough Counties Have Been Heard From to Show That Smith Has a Safe Majority. Brown's Managers Say Result is in Doubt.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Hoke Smith had 82 counties and 204 votes in the State convention, enough to elect him the next governor of Georgia, according to returns up to 1 o'clock this morning from Georgia's Democratic primaries. Brown had 30 counties at this hour. His managers say that the result is in doubt.

Congressman Livingston, who has served 10 continuous terms, and is ranking minority member of appropriation, was doubtful of his election at midnight. On the issue that he supported the so-called Cannon rules at the organization of congress last winter, Livingston was given a hard run by Wm. Schley Howard.

On the same issue Congressman William M. Howard, in the Eighth district, was given a fierce tussle by S. J. Tribble, and late returns put Tribble in the lead by a scant margin. All of the other Democratic congressmen appear to have been renominated, although Hardwick, in the Tenth, was reported to have had a close shave and there were no definite figures on the vote of Edwards in the First.

Other State house officers are lost sight of in the intense interest in the outcome of the race for the governorship.

Prof. Warren M. Steel, formerly a member of the faculty of Furman University, died a few days ago at Selma, Col.

Coker college has received a \$4,400 pipe organ and \$100 cash toward fitting up the science department.

every part of South Carolina, without regard to county or section. If elected he will be governor of the whole State. He was loudly applauded.

### Mr. Richards Speaks.

J. G. Richards was next. Mr. Richards reviewed his years of office holding as a member of the legislature and reminded the voters that he has never been refused an office in Kershaw county and has never been forced to enter a second primary. He has stood for regulation in taxation, but has never been willing to sacrifice educational advantages to gain such an end. He spoke of his work for education. Mr. Richards concluded with a statement of his advocacy of prohibition. He recalled that he was the first to demand an investigation of the State dispensary. He was applauded.

### Attacks Preachers.

C. L. Blease opened with a claim of being a son-in-law of Anderson county and twitted Mr. Featherstone with having left the county. He discussed education and said denominational colleges are doing more efficient work at less cost than State institutions. He attacked the newspapers, saying the newspapers do not give an idea of the receptions accorded the candidates except their pets. He suggested that "preachers" should give more of their time to preaching the gospel and less to dabbling in politics. He was applauded.

### Deplores Extravagance.

F. H. Hyatt at the outset announced "a business man's platform" and gave an earnest and impressive talk on business conditions. He deplored the extravagance of the age. Mr. Hyatt touched lightly in passing on the whiskey question and told that he was a prohibitionist. He recalled his activity in behalf of educational institutions. Although the crowd was inclined to leave for refreshments before Mr. Hyatt finished, he was heartily applauded.

By a vote of the audience it was decided to adjourn for dinner and finish the meeting later. This plan was duly executed.

J. T. Duncan spoke.

B. B. Evans made his usual charges.

J. F. Lyon, attorney general, said he thought after a week in Columbia this man and those who furnish him his speeches would have secured new data to use, but now makes the same old charges. Even this shifty crowd are at their row's end, said Mr. Lyon. The attorney general replied to the charges, as he has already done before, and was applauded at his conclusion.

The candidates are scattering around this large and extensively populated county tonight, for tomorrow is an off day and many candidates will meet a considerable portion of the 8,000 Anderson county voters tomorrow.

## TEDDY FIGHTING MAD.

HE DECLARES HE IS IN FIGHT TO THE END.

No Compromise Possible—He Realizes That he May be Defeated and That He Jeopardizes Success of Party in State.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt served notice today that he would wage war without quarter on the "old guard" of the Republican party in New York State. Having been drawn into the fight, as he says, against his will, he has determined to pursue it to the end, win or lose.

Mr. Roosevelt's attitude was indicated more clearly than at any time before by a statement which he issued today. The statement follows: "They will have all the fight they want. I am only going to the convention because I feel that the public interests, the interests of the people of New York demand that the Republican party be given a chance to stand squarely and uncompromisingly for clean, decent, honest politics.

"I go to that convention to make the speech exactly as it had been planned originally, and while I hope there will be enough good sense to prevent any one opposing the principles for which I shall stand, yet if they do oppose them, then it is their own affair and so far as I am concerned the issue shall be absolutely clean cut."

The colonel said he was going into the fight with his eyes open, and with full realization of the fact that he might not be successful. He said he felt that, on account of the attitude of members of the organization he was at perfect liberty to carry on uncompromising warfare.

Some of Col. Roosevelt's closest friends in the State have told him they were doubtful as to the outcome, and he has replied that he himself thinks that even though he should be successful in the State convention at Saratoga and such a platform as he desired should be adopted, the result of the election would be in grave doubt. The colonel has told his friends that he did not feel sure that the Roosevelt-Hughes forces would receive unqualified support from the organization at the polls.

Col. Roosevelt's indorsement of State Senator Frederick Davenport yesterday was the first step in the fight which he expects to carry on from now until election time. He decided today to go to the State fair in Syracuse September 17 to speak, and at that time may talk politics. He probably will make a number of other speeches, both before and after the State convention.

Vice President Sherman, who is one of the central figures in the struggle, and whom Col. Roosevelt opposed by his indorsement of Senator Davenport, said emphatically tonight he would not talk about the situation.

Senator Davenport called on Col. Roosevelt today to talk over the present situation in this district. Col. Roosevelt was not willing to say what conclusion they reached.

## WILL DISCONTINUE CHARITY.

Nathan Straus Announces He Will Abandon Distribution of Pasteurized Milk in New York.

New York, Aug. 24.—A telegram from Nathan Straus, millionaire philanthropist, announces that next year he will abandon his distribution of pasteurized milk in New York.

Mr. Straus is in Berlin where recently he opened a milk depot similar to those in New York. He has maintained 17 stations in New York city, selling pasteurized milk by the glass at 1 cent besides giving free bottled milk for needy babies. Scientists are divided on the value of the pasteurized product and Mr. Straus has met with such opposition from those who do not share his view, that he has decided to discontinue the charity.

## THREE ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Prisoners Remove Bars From Spartanburg Jail Window and Make a Get-away.

Spartanburg, Aug. 22.—Will Voiselle, a young white man of the city, and two fellow prisoners escaped from the city jail early this morning by digging one end of a bar to the window grating of their cell out of the soft soapstone in which it was planted.

Voiselle was arrested shortly after his escape. Dillard Jones of Glendale and Arthur Sims, a hobo, are still at large. Voiselle was tried in police court this morning and fined \$100 for disorderly conduct and \$50 for breaking arrest. He is a plumber by trade.

## ANOTHER BUNCO GAME.

PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS HE FAVORS TARIFF REVISION.

Extortionate and Unreasonable Profits He Declares, Are to be Tolerated No Longer—Hopes for Harmony.

Beverly, Mass. Aug. 23.—President Taft's keynote speech for the congression campaign became known here today. The President will favor further revision of the tariff.

While he is still convinced that the Payne-Aldrich law is the best tariff law the country has had up to this time, he at last reached the conclusion that there is decided room for improvement.

Mr. Taft does not propose that business shall be upset by another wholesale revision, but he will recommend to congress that individual items in the tariff should be taken up separately and disposed of on a scientific basis. The new revision is to be based upon the findings of the tariff commission as to the cost of production at home and abroad. Only a fair profit is to be allowed the American producer. "Extortionate and unreasonable" profits, the president declares, "are to be tolerated no longer."

The president has stated these facts and has outlined his position in detail in the letter he has sent Representative McKinley for publication in the Republican congressional campaign book. Making it public has been left to the judgment of the committee.

Political observers regard this move as about the shrewdest that has been made during the present administration. It offers an excellent opportunity for the insurgents and regulars to get together in the campaign and President Taft has been anxious to find a ground upon which the different factions could meet without embarrassment to either.

The principal fight of the insurgents was upon certain schedules of the tariff bill. President Taft is willing to go more than half way in the matter. At the same time, he is backing up the regulars in that he believes that they did the best they possibly could with the unreliable information that was in their hands.

With the creation of the tariff board under the Payne-Aldrich act, and the enlargement of its power by provision of the last congress, the president believes a way has been opened to put the tariff on a scientific basis for the first time in the history of the country.

## REWARD FOR MURDERER.

Governor Ansel Offers One Hundred Dollars for Capture of Charles Davis.

Columbia, Aug. 24.—Governor Ansel this afternoon offered a reward of one hundred dollars for Charles Davis, a negro who on August 15th last, murdered Lucy Dwight, in Orangeburg county. It is believed that Davis escaped to Florida, where he formerly lived.

## GIRL KILLS LOVER.

When Police Came She Was Holding Head of Her Victim and Sobbing.

New Orleans, Aug. 24.—Katie Fretsch, 19 years old and employed in a local department store, shot and killed Frank Michler, aged 27 a boilermaker, here tonight. When the police reached the scene, the girl was holding the man's head in her lap and sobbing. She said Michler had wronged her.

The killing comes on the heels of the acquittal of Mamie McLaurin, a young girl, in the courts here yesterday on the charge of murder of Huey Smith, a saloon keeper. The claim of the McLaurin girl was that she had been wronged by Smith and she pleaded the "unwritten law."

## LITTLE GIRL KILLED.

Gun Fell Down and Load of Shot Lodged in Her Leg.

Columbia, Aug. 24.—Marie Sloan the 7-year-old daughter of B. B. Sloan, who lives three miles from Newberry, was mortally wounded Tuesday by the discharge of a shot gun which fell from beside a door. The load entered her leg just below the knee and an operation, which was performed last night could not save the child, who died from the shock.

A Farmers' Union was organized at Dalzell Tuesday afternoon, after the adjournment of the campaign meeting.

## BRIEF OF COUNCIL.

MAYOR'S MEETING MAY BE PAVED AT NO DISTANT DATE.

Work will be Done if Assessable Tax Value of Property is Sufficient to Warrant Bond Issue—Report on Same Will Be Given at Next Meeting of Council—New Hack Ordinance Passed.

City council held a brief session Tuesday night, there being present: Mayor Jennings, Aldermen, McLaurin, Cuttino, Booth and Glenn.

Minutes of August ninth were read and confirmed.

Mr. G. W. Reardon came before council asking that the short street known as Reardon avenue be closed by the city. He was advised that this and other similar improvements will be made as soon as the city is in funds for that purpose.

Doctors Cheyne, Baker and China appeared requesting that the closing of Sumter street should be extended as far north as Calhoun street. Their request was granted.

Mr. Booth, for the committee of public works, reported that the closing of Sumter street was about finished.

City Engineer Lee reported advertising for bids for the sewerage work, and stated that he would submit the contract and specifications to the city attorney for approval.

Messrs. Shaw and Drake, at their request, were given permission to construct a concrete sidewalk in front of their place of business, with the understanding that the city would pay one-half of the cost of having this work done, when the entire block has been paved.

Mr. McLaurin, for the finance committee, reported insufficient funds in the city treasury, and was authorized to borrow \$2,500 at the usual rate of interest.

There were no reports from the police and fire department committees.

Mr. Booth stated that he was unable to report on the matter of allowing free taxes to the Kennedy Bros., or the offer of land by Miss Ellis, owing to the sickness of other members of these committees.

A communication was received from the board of health stating that Mr. George D. Levy had been elected secretary of said board, and requesting that the health officer be provided with a suitable office and that his salary be raised to \$70 per month.

The health officer was given permission to use a part of the council chamber for his office, and his salary was increased, as requested by the board of health.

A communication was received from Mr. Wm. Moran calling attention to the unsanitary condition of the open drains on E. Liberty street and requesting council to remedy same.

City Engineer Lee stated as information that this unpleasantness was caused by the emptying of foreign substances into this drain, and it was moved that the Board of Health be instructed to have the Health Officer look into this matter and have it stopped.

The superintendent of streets was authorized to have a pump moved from sidewalk on N. Sumter street.

A new ordinance was passed by council, entitled "an ordinance to regulate the use of public vehicles."

Mr. Glenn inquired on what condition council was to get a bond issue in order to pave Main street, and this matter was discussed at some length.

The clerk was finally instructed to get together the total amount of the assessable tax value of property, and report same to council at the next meeting, when the matter of a bond issue will be taken up.

## COTTON DISPLACES OLIVE OIL.

Despite High Duties Against It American Product Continues to Make Headway.

Washington, Aug. 24.—American cottonseed oil, despite the high duties against it, is steadily making headway in the markets of the world. Through the efforts of the bureau of manufactures of the department of commerce and labor, some packers of sardines in France and Norway have promised to begin experiments in packing fish in the American product instead of olive oil.

Italy is able to undersell Spain in the olive oil markets, a report of the department says, but Spain prohibits the importation of cotton seed as an edible, while Italy promotes it.

The domestic use of cottonseed oil in Italy, as well as in Turkey, causes nearly all the native oil (olive) to be exported.