

COMMISSION IS EXPLAINED

TWO DEPARTMENTS CONFUSING TO TAXPAYERS.

Game Fish and Birds Department is Self Sustaining and More.

Cove, Jan. 9.—(To the Editor.)—How does it come that the sportsmen say the Game and Fish commission is self sustaining, yet the budget for the state calls for \$362,000 from the taxpayers' money? I wish you would explain it.

GEORGE MILLER.

There are two departments of the fish and game commission. The one which sportsmen are interested in, is the propagation, protection and distribution of game birds and game fish. The other department deals with propagation and protection of salmon and other commercial fish. The commercial fish are under the supervision of a master fish warden, and the cost of operating that department is born partly by the commercial licenses and largely by the state. Oregon's immense canning interests is connected with and dependant on this department. The other department, game fish and game birds, is under the supervision of the state game warden, and the funds received from hunting licenses sustain that department and not a cent is drawn from the general fund to meet such expense. December 14, 1914, there remained on hand more than \$28,000 in excess of expenditures in the game, fish and game departments. One department is commercial, and draws part of its existence from the state, the other part is for the sportsmen and does not cost the taxpayers a single cent. The two should not be confused.

On the Columbia, the Willamette and other big commercial fish streams the fishermen pay commercial licenses to the state and the state helps the department, but the sportsmen of Union county and elsewhere in the state have not and do not need to, draw from the state funds. Of course the warrants for payment of bills against the sportsmen's branch are paid out of the state treasurer's office but from a fund entirely separate from the general fund. Despite the debate on the matter, the Observer quoted the law correctly several weeks ago in printing interviews with sportsmen on the subject. Pomona grange passed a resolution commending the fish and game department, and that action started the discussion that has been going on between sportsmen and those who oppose the commission.

Two years ago there were \$60,000 surplus in the treasury from the sportsmen, one year ago \$41,000; in the meantime the state has purchased fish grounds, equipped 13 hatcheries, bought fish cars, and established a state-wide protection of birds never before equalled. To remove the commission would upset a department of the state, entirely self sustaining and more, and throw the wild game situation into the wildest sort of chaos, and not reduce the tax levy on Union county taxpayers one cent. Expand or diminish, the game and fish department of the state cannot affect the taxpayer in the slightest degree; commercial fishing is another thing.

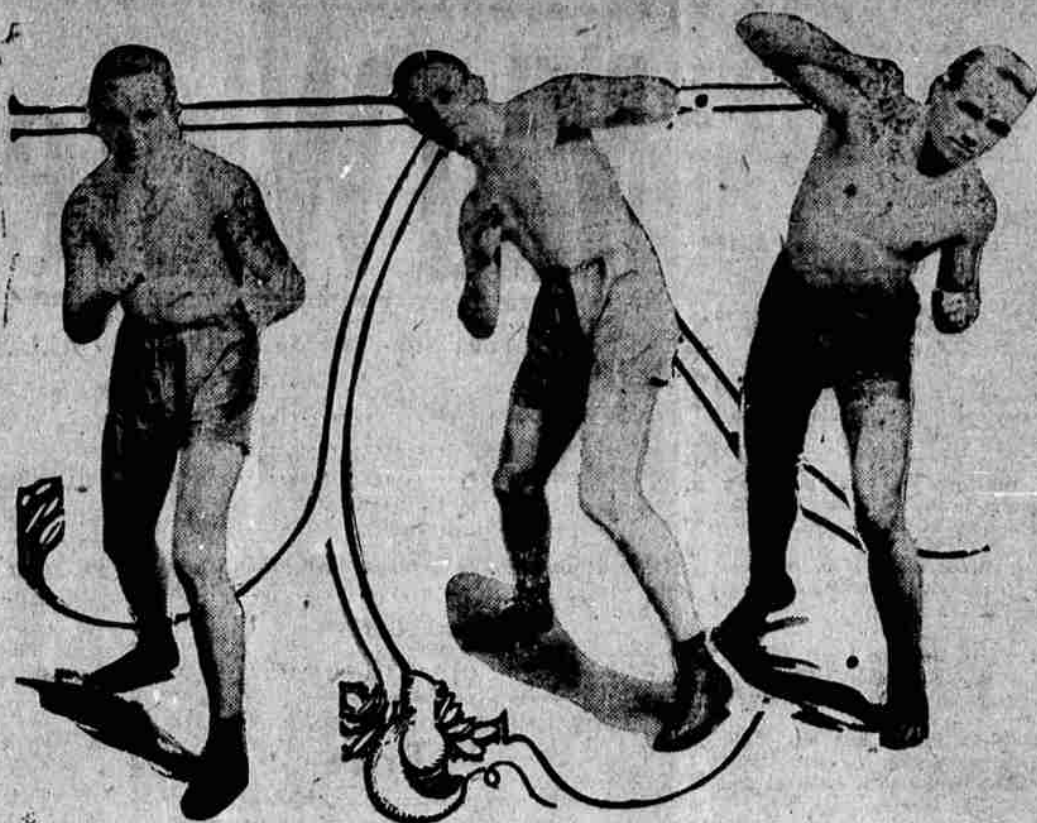
GOSSIP FROM SPORTDOM.

Monday evening the membership of the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club holds its annual election of officers. The year presided over by the late J. M. Kohl, who met an untimely death, and finished up by L. M. Hoyt has been extremely profitable and interesting, and reports show that the membership has grown very materially. Election of a board of directors who in turn select the president, will be a portion of the duties to perform Monday evening. In addition several standing prices will be awarded at that time.

Mildred Sinclair of Baker became the bride at noon Thursday of Chester I. Leeper, pitcher for the Walla Walla baseball team who appeared as diamond star in Baker last season. Rev. Ward W. MacHenry performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Lynn and the best man was Lois Witham. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony. The wedding was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sinclair, 1227 Fourth street. The young couple will leave on their honeymoon Monday morning, going to the home of Mr. Leeper's parents at Spokane to visit. They will probably make their home at Spokane.

The wedding is the outgrowth of a romance of the diamond. Mr. Leeper came to Baker last spring where he appeared as a winning pitcher. Miss Sinclair was a "fan" who saw the victorious pitcher and became interested. A meeting followed and by the end of the season Mr. Leeper although rarely beaten in Baker, fell a victim to cupid.

HOW MIKE GIBBONS, WHO IS TO BOX JIMMY CLABBY KNOCKS THEM OUT.



HIS FIGHTING POSE.

START OF THE LEFT HOOK. START OF THE DEADLY STRAIGHT RIGHT.

The greatest and cleverest boxing match in years will be that between the great middleweights, Mike Gibbons of St. Paul and Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee, in the latter city Jan. 21. Of course, the match will run only ten rounds, and that is hardly long enough to settle a championship. However, since ten rounds is the limit in all the profitable fighting centers in the United States, those who love the game will have to

be satisfied with the result of this contest.

It might be unfair to say the winner of this fight will be the champion middleweight of the United States. Jeff Smith, the New Jersey middleweight, claims to have beaten Clabby in Australia, and Clabby beat Gibbons several years ago. That ought to give Smith a look in before they talk of settling the championship. But Gibbons and Clabby are remarkably clever and the equal of the famous Tommy Ryan, Kid

McCoy, and Mysterious Billy Smith.

This illustration shows Gibbons in his alert fighting pose. The second shows his left hook starting for the jaw of his opponent—he has knocked out many with that punch. The third shows the straight right starting for the jaw—he has knocked out more with that. A hard left hook and a hard straight right delivered from short distances are sufficient blows to make any fighter famous, but Gibbons has more, for his right uppercut is also deadly.

M. I. A. WINS AT PENDLETON

FINAL SCORE SHOWS WIDE MARGIN OF POINTS.

Locals See in Wheat Town High School Five a Fast Quintet.

M. I. A. players last evening gave Pendleton high school a severe trouncing in basketball, final score 44 to 21. The team returned this morning, highly elated over the showing.

Pendleton opened the game with a rush making two baskets before the visitors got to going. Peters of Pendleton played the floor for his team and did remarkably good work. Larsen had dropped three free throws before a field basket was scored. The game was a tie for 15 minutes then the M. I. A. squad pulled away, leaving it 18 to 11 at the end of the first half. In the second half the margin was widened by good systematic playing. Russell and Gordon, well known Pendleton athletes played in fine form, and the La Grande players say that Pendleton high has a fast team; one that has a fine chance to land the Eastern Oregon championship.

Larsen was at his best and rang up 28 points for his team.

The score follows:

M. I. A.	Field goals	Free throw	Total points
Farley, c	2	0	4
Larsen, lf	10	8	28
Stoddard, rf	3	0	6
Woods, rg	1	0	4
Rosenbaum, lg	2	0	4
Metcalfe, lg	0	0	0
Totals	18	8	44

Pendleton High.	Field goals	Free throw	Total points
Seibert, c	2	0	4
Peters, lf	4	0	8
Vaughn, rf	4	1	9
Gordon, rg	0	0	0
Russell, lg	0	0	0
Totals	10	1	21

Officials—Referee Hansen; Umpire Livingston; Timekeeper, Metcalfe.

The team members speak highly of the work of the officials.

Changes made for the opening of the Y. M. C. A. will not effect the La Grande Amateur Basketball league. The gymnasium will be opened for these games with the possible exception of the first one or two. It is planned to hold those in the high school gymnasium. The "festivities" in basketball start the 13th, next Wednesday, and the following schedule has been selected by coaches and managers of the respective teams in the league, who are: R. M. Gordon for the O. W. R. & N.; M. G. Dickerson for the clerks, M. L. Westering manager of the high school team, and H. B. Larsen, manager of the M. I. A. The schedule follows:
January 13.—M. I. A. vs. Clerks.
January 20.—O. W. R. & N. vs. High School.
January 27.—Clerks vs. High School.

School.
February 3.—M. I. A. vs. O. W. R. & N.

February 10.—O. W. R. & N. vs. Clerks; M. I. A. vs. High School.

February 17.—O. W. R. & N. vs. High School; Clerks vs. M. I. A.

February 24.—M. I. A. vs. High School; O. W. R. & N. vs. Clerks.

March 3.—Clerks vs. High School; M. I. A. vs. O. W. R. & N.

A few nights ago several lovers of hasenpfeffer went to the Burl Conley home in Lower Cove as guests of the Conley family. A big time is reported by those who attended.

His many friends will regret to learn that J. H. Jackson of Lostine has resigned the position of deputy game warden for Wallawa county. He gives as a reason that he has not the time to devote to it. His successor has not yet been appointed.—Joseph Herald.

STRIKES AND SPARES.

La Grande bowlers are agog over the pending match with Pendleton, next Tuesday. The Pendletonians have a man who last week rolled so close to the perfect score in one game and did exceptionally well in three, that the locals have been made to ponder, but on the other hand the 2902 score made by a five-man team a few nights ago is so good that the visitors must be doing the aspen-leaf act themselves.

GLASS OF SALTS CLEANS KIDNEYS

If your Back is aching or Bladder bothers, drink lots of water and eat less meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salt which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 600 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so if no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.—Adv.

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