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COMMISSION FOR FISH AND GAME NAMED

NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS WILL START THEIR TERMS IMMEDIATELY.

DIVORCEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO IS COMPLETE

Frank Warren Heads Fish Commission; George Kelly, Also of Portland, Heads Game Commission—Blaine Hallock, of Baker, Is a Member.

SALEM, Feb. 25.—The personnel of the new fish commission for Oregon and the new state game commission, as provided for in the segregation bill, which were passed at the recent session of the legislature and which have been signed by Governor Olcott, was announced by the governor today. Members of the fish commission are: Frank M. Warren, Portland, appointment to June 1, 1925; Christian F. Schmidt, Astoria, appointment to June 1, 1924; A. H. Powers, Powers, Coos County, appointment to June 1, 1925.

The state game commission personnel follows: State at large, George H. Kelly, Portland, five-year term; game district No. 1 (counties west of the Cascade mountains), I. N. Elieschauer, Portland, four-year term. Game district No. 2 (counties east of the Cascade mountains), M. A. Lynch, Redmond, three-year term; Blaine Hallock, Baker, one-year term.

Divorce is complete. One. Under the new laws, the jurisdiction over commercial fishing and over the administration of affairs of the wild game life of the state are completely divorced and placed under two separate commissions.

SMALLPOX IS SUBSIDING

CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN NUMBER DURING WEEK

Slight Increase in Scarlet Fever But 20 Per Cent Reduction in Smallpox Indicate Cessation.

With the release of a large number of persons quarantined for smallpox and scarlet fever during the past week, a material reduction in the number of cases under quarantine was reported for the week by Chief of Police Roy Flexer this morning, although doctors discovered more cases on Thursday than on any single day since the beginning of the epidemic, no new quarantines having been placed on that day.

The number of cases under quarantine for smallpox decreased from 52 a week ago to 40 today, while the number of cases of scarlet fever increased slightly, 29 scarlet fever quarantines being effective today while only 23 were effective a week ago. This makes a reduction in the total number of cases from 75 to 69. Further decreases are expected within the next week, a large number of patients having nearly completed their minimum detention term.

The new quarantines during the past few days are at the following places: Gus Levy, 924 Penn. W. L. Lane, 205 Hemlock, 1415 V. all for scarlet fever, and the following for smallpox: Gephman Jones, 1304 O; Bronson, 1106 I; Dan Tanner, 2102 Second; Frank Hillon, Spring, and First; Edgeworth, 2005 Cedar; Cronn, 822 N. A. W. Wall, 1403 Washington, and McKinzie, 1411 S.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Sunday, generally cloudy.

THIEVES MADE BIG MISTAKE

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 25.—Thieves stole from the truck five mail pouches which were later found two miles away. The pouches contained newspapers and other third class matter, which was of little value.

RETURN OF RIFLES IS DEMANDED

SEVERAL THOUSAND RIFLES WERE SEIZED IN 1916.

Panama Government Wants Them For Protection Against Reported Invasion of Costa Ricans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The immediate return of several thousand rifles seized in 1916 by the American authorities in the Canal Zone, is asked by the Panama government which desires to use them in repelling the reported invasion of Panama by the Costa Ricans.

TOM LOTISSO IS CONVICTED

CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF WAR BRIDE.

Jury Went Out Last Night, and Recommends Life Imprisonment For Convicted Man.

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Thomas Lotisso was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of his war bride here on November 29. The jury recommended life imprisonment. The case went to the hands of the jury last night.

REV. OWEN JONES IS FOUND DEAD

DISCOVERED IN HANGING POSITION AT SANITARIUM.

Candidate For Congress In Primaries, Went to Portland After Nervous Breakdown.

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Owen F. Jones, candidate for congress in the primaries last May, was found dead hanging at the Sanitarium here. Rev. Jones recently came from Baker suffering from a nervous breakdown.

LINER STRIKES AN ICEBERG

PRINCESS MATOKA WITH 2000 PASSENGERS, IS SAFE.

After Striking Iceberg Or a Submerged Wreck, Drifted Helpless For Seven Hours.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The liner Princess Matoika, with 2000 passengers from Italy, struck an iceberg or a submerged wreck off Cape Race on Thursday night. The liner drifted helplessly for seven hours with the steering gear damaged, but was later brought under control.

GOVERNMENT HAS 50,000 ACRES OF LAND TO RENT

The U. S. reclamation service has advertised 50,000 acres of land for pasture. The land is now with drawn for entry for all purposes. Bids will be opened at the reclamation service's office at Heraldon, Oregon, at 2 p. m.

A complete list of the land comprised in this allotment is on file at the local U. S. Land office. Information regarding the details of the leasing of the land can also be had at the local office or from the reclamation service office at Pendleton.

THE FIRST CARLOAD OF AUTOMOBILES YEAR COMING SOON

The first carload of automobiles to be received here this year is expected next Wednesday or Thursday. The consignment is being shipped to Chas. Bohnenkamp, local agent for the Oldsmobile. The shipment consists of three of the new four-cylinder models and one six-cylinder model.

Mr. Bohnenkamp states that the new Oldsmobiles are the best that money can buy. He expects the automobile business, as well as business in general, to improve materially early in spring, and believes that the automobile trade here will experience the best year in its history.

MAY FORGIVE BOY, IF LOST IS RETURNED

VICE-PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY WOULD PUT BOY ON THE RIGHT ROAD.

YOUTHFUL BOND BANDIT ARRESTED AT HEYWORTH

After Three Year's Service, Boy Walks Out of Bank Carrying Bonds Under Arm, And Is Not Apprehended Until Today When He Was Arrested at Heyworth, Illinois.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The Northern Trust Company, from which William Dalton, aged 17, took \$772,000 in Liberty Bonds, will urge the police to release him if he will return the securities, said William Miller, vice-president. "I will help straighten out and get settled back in the road, if he will bring back the bonds at once," said Miller.

Dalton, who lived at home with his mother and sister could not be found. He had worked for the bank for three years. His salary was said to have been \$65 a month.

"During the noon hour Friday," the statement said, "although others were present with Dalton in the cage, he managed to leave with a bundle of bonds and to get away from the building undetected."

The bonds were temporary 4-1-1 per cent United States Liberty bonds of the fourth issue without coupons. Their total market value was approximately \$670,000.

Youth Is Arrested.
DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 26.—William Dalton, the Liberty Bond thief, was arrested at Heyworth.

SPRING FEVER AND GARDENING NEWEST AILMENTS REPORTED

Although the sun was partially obscured by clouds today, the spring fever weather that made its bow to La Grande Thursday continued.

In spite of the sun working hard for two days, the snow on the north side of Adams avenue has not entirely melted. The hills, too, are fast shedding their covering of snow.

The city is taking advantage of the change in weather and flushing the paved streets today. Adams avenue, as well as other downtown streets, this afternoon looked all primed up, with only an occasional heap of frozen snow and dirt that has not baked in the warm sun.

The coming of warmer weather is causing the city other troubles, too, in the reservoir there has sprung up in great profusion, making it necessary to clean it out in order to put it into spic and span shape for the season.

Those not suffering from spring fever are turning their thoughts to gardening. The demand for seeds and garden tools in local stores has increased considerably during these few warm days, and local merchants look forward to an early opening of spring trade.

BARGAIN LARK MAKES CROWD OF 8,000 AT STORE

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Over one hundred women fainted, many of whom were hurt, and an automobile was damaged, when 8,000 people crowded at the opening of the Five, Ten and Fifteen Cent store here, which had advertised bargains.

MAIL CLERK IS BEATEN

TWO POUCHES OF MAIL ARE REPORTED MISSING.

Mail Clerk Was Discovers Just Before the Train Pulled Out of Pennsylvania Station.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 26.—J. L. McCullough, railway mail clerk, was found beaten unconscious at the Pennsylvania railroad station, by fellow employees, just before the train was scheduled to leave. Two pouches of mail are reported missing.

SAM BROOKS IN AUTO ACCIDENT

PROMINENT MAN OF IMBLER SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY.

Brooks Now in Los Angeles Hospital With Broken Shoulder and Other Injuries.

Lying in a Los Angeles hospital with a broken shoulder and other bodily injuries, Sam Brooks, of Imbler, is reported to be resting well and in a cheerful frame of mind.

The news of the accident came by letter from Miss Bureau, of the Hill Department store, who is on a visit to Los Angeles. She explained that Mr. Brooks was in a machine which was wrecked near the city and that his injuries consisted of a broken shoulder and severe bruises about the body. There is nothing dangerous about Mr. Brooks' condition, but he will probably be confined to his room for some time.

A letter received by the Observer this afternoon assures his many friends that he will be around again in a few days. An x-ray was taken of his arm and shoulder which showed that no bones were broken. The accident occurred when a heavy stage overturned on the Ventura road, one mile north of Universal City on the evening of February 5. The stage was coming into Los Angeles from Santa Barbara and, according to accounts of the accident in Los Angeles papers, the driver had sounded a warning to the machines ahead of him and one failed to heed the signal, the crash resulting, the stage first crashing into the other machine and then into a telephone pole.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—The livestock market was steady today, eggs weak and butter firm.

DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

AT HOME, Feb. 26.—It is over, our first legislative experience has been recorded and past into history and we are now ready to take the "cussing" for the way we have voted and the things we have done.

But we have come to one conclusion: Namely, legislatures are absolutely necessary to carry out the scheme of American government. Instead of 500 bills introduced there should have been a thousand, for every bill gives a slant on some man's thoughts and tells of a problem in some community. Thus, the bills as they fly to the chief clerk's desk give the public some idea of what is in the public mind which, after all, is very essential.

The session just closed is said to have been a sane session by those who follow the legislatures.

It is admitted that no rash legislation was indulged in until after the middle of the session and then the only thing which seemingly is entitled to criticism is the innate desire to raise salaries. It was like the influenza, that mania to raise everyone's pay.

Governor Olcott, in his message, bore down hard for economy, calling attention to the deplorable financial condition of every producer in the state. To the special salaries committee he stated he wanted no advance in salary because of the country's condition. Yet in the face of these warnings, the advances were terrific.

We do not condemn everyone working for the public is paid in full, far from it, but we do contend that with a special election before us in June it would have been the proper thing for every bill calling for increased salaries to have been put on the ballot, thus letting the people who pay the increases have a chance to decide the matter.

Right here we wish to mention once more that our policy of referring salary measures in Union and Wallawa counties is to be criticized or approved by the voters. We wish to take the blame for this act, and to absolve any other legislator from any criticism.

The North Portland harbor development, which was greatly aided by the Eastern Oregon delegation in this session is one of the outstanding features of the session. It will benefit this part of the state, in that it will give deep water for ocean traffic to the packing houses. It is now a notorious fact that the north-west can neither consume her own meat products nor can she ship them east because of the freight rates. The only thing left to do is to try and develop foreign markets for Eastern Oregon beef and mutton.

Development of the North Portland harbor is a step in that direction. It helps Swift & Co. materially and in turn this company must develop its foreign business to help the stock grower.

Probably the greatest step taken in legislation was the passing of the co-operative marketing bill, which gives the farmer an opportunity to organize and have the same protection that any other business concern has. At first there was heavy opposition to the bill. Large concerns had their lobbyists at Salem to defeat it.

As time wore along something funny happened. Charlie Spence, head of the state grange, showed up to lobby for the bill. Charlie looked at us out of the corner of his

INTEREST ON LOANS TO BE USED

MONEY WOULD AID IN READJUSTMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

PLAN OF CONGRESS IS DISCLOSED IN REPORT

With the Tax Provisions Eliminated, Soldiers' Bonus Bill Is Reported to the Senate By the Finance Committee—Cash Bonus Would Be Available on January 1, 1923.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The plan of the interest on \$10,000,000 American war loans to the allies in financing adjusted compensation for former service men is one of the plans considered by Congress. This was disclosed when the bonus bill was reported favorably by the senate finance committee.

With the tax provisions eliminated, the soldiers' bonus bill was reported to the senate today by the finance committee. The cash bonus would be available January 1, 1923. The question of taxes to meet the cost was left for the next Congress to decide. The committee retained five options of a cash bonus, deferred certificates of farm and home aid and vocational training.

The house passed the senate bill limiting immigration from Europe during the fifteen months after April 1, to three per cent of the number of persons from any country who were in the United States in 1910.

The house adopted the conference report of the emergency tariff.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT IS APPOINTED AS UNDER SECRETARY

ST. AUGUSTINE, Feb. 26.—President-elect Harding, in announcing that Edwin Denby had been selected for the secretary of the navy, said that Theodore Roosevelt, son of the ex-president, had been named assistant secretary.

DOKKIES RETURN FROM CEREMONY AT BAKER

About thirty-five local Dokkie returned this noon from Baker, where they attended the ceremonial and initiation yesterday, when 26 new members were initiated into the order. A banquet started the ball rolling early in the evening, and a parade followed, after which the new members were put through the stunts proving them to be good tyros.

There were nearly 250 Dokkies from eastern Oregon in attendance, and judging by the reports brought back by the local members, all were well pleased with the hospitality of Baker.

The attendance was somewhat interfered with by the weather. Snow still covers the entire city and countryside around Baker and this made it impossible for the members living in the surrounding country, who had expected to drive in, to come.

CONTRACT FOR GREENHOUSES

FOUR NEW HOUSES TO BE BUILT BY CHERRYS THIS YEAR.

La Grande to Have Largest Greenhouse Establishment Between Portland and Boise.

Cherry Florists let the contract Wednesday to Thompson's Horticultural works of Portland for four complete new green houses. The material is now being assembled in Portland, and erection of the buildings will begin early in April.

The buildings will be from frame houses of modern construction and, when complete, will be the largest greenhouse concern between Portland and Boise. One house will be planted the first year with one thousand rose bushes. Luther Praeger, an expert rose grower has accepted a position with the firm and will have charge of the growing and of the business.

If the roses prove profitable, another thousand will be planted. Three houses will be of rose bushes, and the fourth will be of carnations and chrysanthemums.

Another house will be used to serve the city's demand for flowers. It is hoped that they have never been so busy as they are now. The business is now being handled by L. D. S. Thompson, who is now in the time to meet this situation. When completed, the present plant will be more than doubled in size.

