

J.B. SMITH NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Officers Elected at Fish Banquet

WARDEN AVERILL CHIEF SPEAKER

J. W. Maloney, Member of State Game Commission, Praised New Appointee of Gov. Pierce.

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club officers for the ensuing year were elected unanimously last evening. The entire list submitted by the nominating committee was passed without comment.

J. B. Smith, long time active member of the organization, was elected president. Mr. Smith is a thorough sportsman himself, is conversant with the needs and aims of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club and is without doubt a wise selection for the office.

Following the election of officers, J. W. Maloney, a member of the state game commission, made a brief talk in which he outlined the aims of the commission.

Mr. Averill assured the sportsmen that the game affairs of the state will be run, during his administration at least, for the most benefit to the sportsmen themselves and the state of Oregon as a whole.

He promised that as long as he remained in office no one would be put in a position or taken out of one because of politics. He stated most emphatically that he was interested only in the propagation and conservation of fish and game and not in building up a political organization of any sort.

Following Mr. Averill, Charles Chubb, connected with the Washington game commission, (Continued on Page Five.)

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Judges' Task Difficult In Fish Contest

Long List of Prizes, Great Number of Contestants and Fine Catches Made Job Hard.

H. E. Coolidge and J. G. Snodgrass, judges of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot annual fishing contest had an exceptionally difficult task this year due to the unusually long list of prizes, the large number of contestants and the high average quality of the catches.

Following the policy set by judges in past years an attempt was made to award the prizes to the greatest number of fishermen. Thus, with but few exceptional catches were entered in but one class and each sportsman was awarded a single prize whereas in a number of instances catches could have taken several trophies under other classifications.

Several sportsmen who were awarded prizes in the party catches could have won other prizes in the individual classification and vice versa.

Among these might be mentioned C. N. Palmer and J. T. Longfellow who had a two-party catch of 22 pounds and seven ounces. C. N. Palmer also had an individual catch of a rainbow trout, one pound and seven ounces.

Verne Answorth had a rainbow weighing eight ounces and Roy Forester who was awarded the first prize for the biggest rainbow had an individual catch of nine fish weighing five pounds and two ounces.

Charles Catching had a rainbow trout that weighed 11 ounces.

The places in the contest as awarded by the judges are: Largest rainbow trout—Roy Forester, 1 pound 8 ounces; 2nd, Arch Keiley, 1 pound; 3rd, H. Johansen, 14 ounces; 4th, L. D. Noh, 11 ounces; 5th, H. O. Albert, 8 ounces.

Largest Eastern Brook, all five places were awarded to a party composed of Gus Palmer, Rufus Edwards, Glenn Strickland, Paul Robertson and David Johansen. The first place fish weighed 2 pounds 2 ounces.

Largest Dolly Varden—1st, Melvin Palmer, 1 pound 6 ounces; 2nd, U. M. Ploberg, 1 pound 1 ounce; 3rd, L. M. Hoyt, 14 ounces; 4th, W. M. Dobson, 8 ounces.

Largest whitefish—1st, C. M. Ploberg, 14 ounces; Mrs. E. Marvins, 14 ounces; 2nd, J. T. Longfellow, 12 ounces.

Largest individual catch—C. N. Palmer, 11 pounds, 1 ounce; Cecil Keagly, 10 pounds 6 ounces; Rufus Edwards, 9 pounds 1 ounce; U. M. Catching, 2 pounds 5 ounces; Verne Answorth, 7 pounds.

Holds Purse



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GEORGIANS VOTE DOWN AMENDMENT

Representatives Crush the Anti-Evolution Bill Proposed Today

LINDSAY FAVORS STRICT RULING

Refers to the Theories "Which for 25 Years Have Overwhelmed the Country," During Talk.

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press)—The amendment designed to prohibit the teaching of evolution in the common public schools of Georgia today was voted down overwhelmingly by the state house of representatives.

Representative Lindsay, author of the amendment, stated after its crushing defeat that he would not offer an anti-evolution bill.

Speaking for the amendment he referred to the University of Chicago as the source of new theories "which for the last 25 years have overwhelmed the country, culminating in one of its graduates taking the life of a little boy as a scientific experiment."

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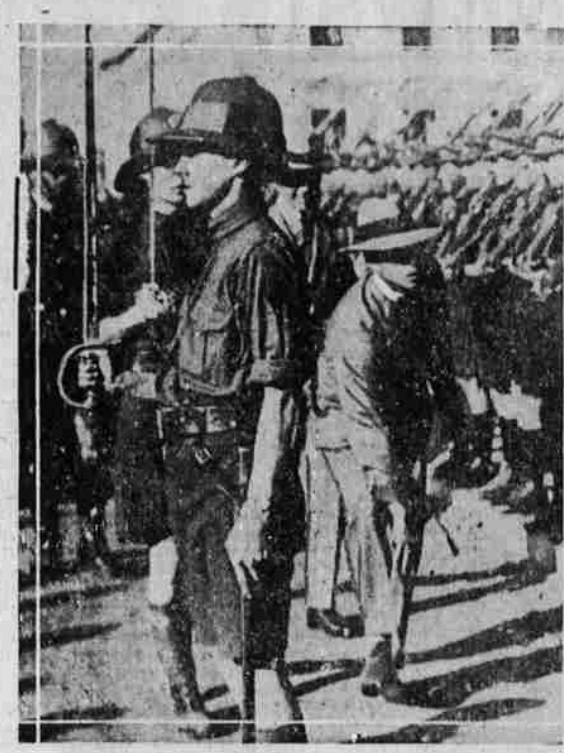
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Prince Has His Troubles



While reviewing the guard of honor at Witwatersand, Johannesburg, South Africa, the Prince of Wales is forced to stoop down and fix his garter, which has become unfastened and is hanging over his shoe-tops. To avoid such embarrassments as this the prince should emulate the American college boy, who wears no garters at all.

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The sedan, with Mr. Weeks driving, had just passed the Conley warehouse coming toward La Grande when the stage approached from the rear and in passing caught in the right rear fender in such a manner that the car was turned over with Mr. and Mrs. Weeks inside. It is reported. The party was uninjured except for bruises.

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FUNERAL PARTY ON WAY NORTH

Casket, Containing Bryan's Mortal Remains, Carried in Pullman

DAYTON PEOPLE IN LAST FAREWELL

Special Passes Through Chattanooga; Flowers and Tributes Showered Upon Statesman.

DAYTON, Tenn. (By the Associated Press)—Quitting forever the little southern town, where friends made his last days happy, the body of William Jennings Bryan today began its long journey from Dayton to Washington where the nation will pay its final tribute to his memory before the burial Friday in Arlington cemetery.

The special Pullman, attached to the regular Southern Railway train left here at 2:03 o'clock. Mrs. Bryan, with members of her household, occupied the forward end of the car. The casket lay on supports at the rear of the coach.

Citizens of Dayton, where Bryan waged his last vigorous fight for religious orthodoxy, gathered to see their leader depart.

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La Grande People Are Visiting in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. (Special).—Holger M. Larsen and family of La Grande, Ore., have been the guests of J. H. Trayner and family for several days, on route from La Grande to Salt Lake City. Mr. Larsen is superintendent of the Grande Ronde hospital at La Grande and was much impressed with the L. D. S. hospital and complimented Idaho Falls highly on its enterprise in securing such an institution.

Mr. Trayner will be remembered as former superintendent of the Grande Ronde hospital where he served for seven years, leaving La Grande to take charge of the Idaho Falls hospital two years ago.

Miss Conley, Mr. Meyers To Sing at Hot Lake

No formal program has been arranged for the reception to be given at Hot Lake tomorrow evening by Dr. W. T. P. for the members of the various commercial organizations in Union county.

BAND CONCERT NEXT MONDAY

The next outdoor concert by the La Grande Municipal band will be given next Monday evening August third, at 8 o'clock, according to announcement today by Director Andrew Loney.

Mr. Loney states that a sure-fire program is being prepared for the concert, which will be given in the ball park instead of in the downtown district. More people can be seated at the ball park, city officials believed, which is the reason for the change.

It has been impossible to appear in concert during the past two weeks because several band members were away, attending the Elks convention, Knight Templar convention, etc., but Mr. Loney states that the full personnel will be on hand Monday night.

FATHERS, SONS ENJOY OUTING

Fathers and sons, 150 of them, have been camping for several days near the head of Catherine creek on the annual M. L. A. outing held for the purpose of bringing the boys and their dads closer together in a mutual good time.

Games, swimming, fishing, hiking and other sports make each day pass quickly. The boys range in age from little tots not much more than able to walk to boys of high school age.

The party is on the dards who do most of the cooking and work about the camp so that the younger generation may have a more thoroughly enjoyable time without the somewhat irksome duties of maintaining camp.

THREE KILLED BY DISAPPOINTED LOVER TODAY

RICHMOND, Va. (By the Associated Press)—"Because I couldn't keep her and wasn't going to let anyone else get her," was the reason given by Rudolph Disse today for shooting to death Mrs. Vivian Fennell Peers, Harry G. Carter, his rival, and Detective Sergeant J. Harvey Burke, who tried to prevent him reaching Carter yesterday.

William Britt, a salesman, who also attempted to stop Disse was wounded.

The triple killing followed a police court case in which a pretty clothing model, Carter and Disse were the principals.

The girl was arraigned on charges preferred by Disse. Carter charged that Disse had threatened his life.

FIRE DESTROYS SAWMILL TOWN

TACOMA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Maytown, 20 miles southwest of Olympia, was almost wiped out, together with the plant of the George Simpson Lumber company, by fire which started last night in the mill.

After destroying the mill, flames spread to nearby houses and about 150 persons were left homeless. Simpson purchased the mill a week ago. The insurance is said to be small.

Fire fighting crews today were fighting a forest fire started by the Maytown blaze. The fire spread to adjacent logged off land but is not considered serious.

LA GRANDE WELL REPRESENTED AT REALTORS' MEET

La Grande will be represented at the Northwest Realty Association convention which opens tomorrow at Bellingham, by six realtors and the chamber of commerce quartet. Efforts will be made to have La Grande named as the convention city for next year.

George Carrey, William Miller, R. A. Benham, F. N. Ford, Lowell Williamson and L. S. Weska are the realtors who have already left for Bellingham.

Sheerwood Williams, who qualifies not only as a realtor but as a member of the quartet, has been attending the Knight Templar convention in Seattle will be present at Bellingham. G. L. Dutton and George Birnie, tenor and bass in the quartet left this morning to drive to Portland where they will join Elmer Stoddard on their way to Bellingham.

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CONTRACTS LET PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Contracts for nearly \$1,000,000 work on the Roosevelt highway in Curry county was awarded today by the state highway commission to three contractors. Bauers and Bauers, of Dayton, Wash., won two units of the job.

The highway commission and Benton county court today agreed to hurry work on the Newport-Corvallis road and the Alsea highway in Benton county. The state will cooperate fifty-fifty on the Newport road and will contribute two-thirds on the Alsea highway.

Motor Association and State Officers Agree

HOOD RIVER, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—An amicable understanding has been reached between local officers and the Oregon State Motor association on the question of enforcement of rules of the road.

A conference was held yesterday at which time the motor association officials and the county officers considered complaints made by American Automobile association tourists from outside the state.

STILL OWNER SENTENCED BELLINGHAM, Ore.—Frank Smiley, sentenced to the state penitentiary last winter when he pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal possession of a still and then paroled after he had served a jail sentence of six months on a charge of illegal possession of liquor, will be taken to Salem to serve his penitentiary sentence, according to Sheriff Cookinching.

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