

CHANGES IN STATE GAME LAWS ASKED

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Takes Action at Annual Meeting

FAVOR JAIL FOR LAW VIOLATORS

L. A. Wright, of Union, Endorsed as Logical Man for Appointment on Commission.

More than 200 members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club, after satisfying their appetites for olams and the "fish" at the annual meeting here last night in the M. E. church basement, recommended that the Oregon game laws, as applying to Eastern Oregon, be changed as follows:

- Open season on chinese pheasants from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 but only on Wednesdays and Sundays.
Open season on grouse Sept. 1 to Oct. 1.
Open season on deer Oct. 1 to Nov. 10.
Open season on sagehens Aug. 1 to Aug. 15. Bag limit four in one day and eight in seven consecutive days.
Bag limit on ducks 20 in one day.
Bag limit on fish 10 in one day and 75 in seven days or 20 pounds and one fish in one day and 40 pounds and one fish in seven days.
Making it unlawful to take river shaves from the Willowa river above Willowa lake.
Making jail sentences mandatory for violation of game laws before open seasons.

The club unanimously recommended that L. A. Wright, of Union, be appointed a member of the state game commission whenever a vacancy should occur and endorsed that a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor L. E. Patterson.

This action was taken after a resolution was passed urging that no changes be made in the personnel of the state game commission because of political affiliations.

Wright, who was in attendance, spoke briefly afterwards, declaring that if he should be appointed, he would try to serve the interests of the state and Eastern Oregon in particular to the best of his ability.

MacKey New President
Election of officers resulted in the secretary on motion casting a unanimous ballot for Judge MacKey, nominated as president, Clinton Judge J. W. Knowles, nominated as vice president and H. E. Coolidge, nominated as treasurer.

Competition developed in the race for secretary, after a motion to combine the office of secretary and treasurer was voted down, with the final vote going to A. McAllister, the office of McAllister, John S. Bates and Charles Marchison, the other nominees.

A resolution was passed endorsing the bill now in the state legislature classing steelheads as trout and urging that Union county's delegation cast their votes in its favor. The vote was taken after W. C. Kelley gave as his opinion that more would be accomplished by attempting to secure a closed season on salmon and steelheads during the January, February and March runs.

R. H. Bonney, of the Union fish hatchery, said that he had been advised that the steelhead-trout bill had a good chance of success.

Warren K. Gilbert served as chairman and introduced Dr. W. R. McAdory, Game Warden John Walden and Mr. Murray who spoke briefly.

Walden declared that the condition of chinese pheasants this winter has been very good and that

Directorate Is Re-elected; New Officers Named

La Grande Building and Loan Association Is to Move into New Offices on Feb. 1.

The La Grande Building and Loan association will continue for another year with the same board of directors as during 1926, although some changes were made in the officers of the association last evening when the annual meeting was held at the building and loan office in the La Grande National bank building.

Dr. A. L. Richardson was re-elected president, and H. K. Coolidge will continue in office as one of the vice-presidents. Joe Carr was elected as the other vice president to take the place of John Stoddard, and H. M. Bay was elected secretary-treasurer in the place of William Siegrist.

The directors are: Dr. Richardson, H. E. Coolidge, Joe Carr, Fred Kiddo, William Siegrist, John Stoddard, A. J. Stange, A. T. Hill, T. J. Serrano and J. R. Phyl.

The usual procedure of business occupied the evening after the election.

Recruits Growth
The building and loan association has grown to such an extent during the two years since its organization here that it has been found necessary to occupy an office of its own. Feb. 1 the association will move from the present location to the West-Jacobson building in the rooms now occupied by the Security construction company, facing on Elm street. Bay, new secretary-treasurer, will be placed in charge of the office.

CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES FEB. 7

Crowded Calendar Is in Prospect—Several Criminal Trials Expected.

Circuit court machinery will be set to grind in earnest early next month when the first regular term in 1927 gets under way. Several cases of some criminal and others civil, are pending.

The criminal docket will include several prohibition cases it is said, and the officials of the court, headed by Judge J. W. Knowles, expect a heavy session. A murder trial is also in prospect, in connection with the killing of Jack Sturm near Hilsen, No. 24, and will probably be held at a date yet to be determined.

The court term is scheduled to start on the first Monday in February, which this year falls on the 7th. The county grand jury may be called into session about the same time.

Colored Players To Present Show

A troupe of 50 negro players, including a chorus of 20 crooks girls arrived here this morning on train No. 24 and will present the musical comedy "Struttin' Sam" at the Grand theater this evening, starting at 8:15 o'clock.

"Struttin' Sam" was shown in Pendleton last night, and made a big hit, according to the manager of the company, Arthur Hoekwald, who arrived here with the troupe of players.

Commerce Chamber Faces Busy Period

The Union county chamber of commerce is now in the beginning of one of its busiest periods, and for the next two months the calendar will be crowded. Nominating and election of the new directors, election of officers, outlining of a program of work, making up a budget, the annual dinner, the fourth annual economic conference, legislative work and many other things are included.

A legislative committee will be appointed shortly to maintain contact with Union county's delegation in Salem and to aid it in any way possible.

Members of the Jolly Pipers of La Grande will hold their first meeting of the year next Monday night, Jan. 17, in the Odd Fellows temple, on Elm street, beginning with a dinner at six o'clock sharp, which will be served by the Rebekahs.

COMMISSION AUTHORIZES 18-INCH MAIN

Will Connect Old Town Reservoir with K Avenue Water Line

COST ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$35,000

Boxing Commission Reappointed; Garret Action Held over; Treasury in Good Shape.

Construction of a new 18-inch water main connecting the Old Town reservoir with K avenue which leads into the remainder of the city water-main system, was authorized last night at the weekly executive meeting of the city commission.

The work will cost approximately \$35,000 and is provided for by the special bond election voted here June 3, 1925. This project it is said, will be practically completed with the installation of the new main, leaving only work on the second city deep well.

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Clayton Bound to Grand Jury
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Tiger Team To Leave On Trip Late Tomorrow

Captain MacKenzie is expected to leave here tomorrow afternoon by stage for Enterprise and Joseph, accompanied by eight members of the La Grande high basketball squad. Among those who will go are: Zundel, Lyman, Berry, Stoddard and Hanks.

While the boys first team is up the branch line, the girls sextet will meet Willoughby girls here at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Following this game the La Grande second and third teams will play the Union boys' second team, Jimmy Rosenbaum will officiate.

The student body has decided to admit onto lower floor at the gym only those who present their tickets at the door or buy them there in order to adequately handle the crowd. Others will be given seats in the balconies.

More Marriages Than Divorces In This County

Cupid's Darts Well Aimed During 1925—188 Couples Take Vows and Only 70 Separated.

Union county people stay married longer, according to the marriage and divorce figures during the year 1926 in the county clerk's office here, compared with figures from some of the other counties in the state.

One hundred and eighty-eight marriage licenses were granted during the year in this county, in comparison with the 70 divorce decrees given—a little more than one-third of the marriages.

Klamath's Figure
In Klamath county the number of couples divorced was more than half of the number married. The marriage licenses issued numbered 239 and 139 couples received divorces.

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New Frosh Asked To Bring Diplomas

All new frosh from outside this school district must bring their high grade diplomas Friday at 1:20 p. m. in order to permit them to enter the high school, it was announced today.

Judge Gatens Is Stricken in Court

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—Former Circuit Judge William N. Gatens died at a hospital here this afternoon after being stricken while sitting on the bench in court. He was arguing a property damage suit when stricken. Recently he returned from a trip to California for his health.

Sketches of Cadman's Successful Opera To Be Part of Concert Here

COLLECTIONS OF TAXES IN YEAR HEAVY

Only Eight and a Half Per Cent of 1925 Levy Is Delinquent

\$739,721.23 PAID IS MORE THAN IN 1924

Back Taxes Ranging from 1917 to 1924 Also Collected in the Sum of \$52,898.42.

Out of \$205,159.45 to be collected in taxes in Union county for the year 1925 only eight and a half per cent remains delinquent, which means that \$739,721.23 has been collected during the past year, leaving only \$69,438.12 in delinquent taxes.

These figures compare favorably with the percentages collected for the year 1924, which was thought to be an unusually good collection. The tax roll for 1925 was considerably larger than for 1924, the amount that year being \$754,529.12, about \$725,000 of which was collected. Although the average is a little less, more money was actually collected during the past year than during the previous 12 months, officers point out.

The amount of delinquent taxes collected during the year 1925 on tax rolls from 1917 to 1924, inclusive, including interest and penalty amounted to \$52,898.42.

Son Joins His Father in Local Realty Business

Announcement is made today of the association of George Huntington Curry as partner in the real estate, loan and insurance business with his father, Geo. H. Curry, at 104 Elm Street.

George Huntington Curry returns to La Grande after 11 years absence, during which time he has been engaged in the newspaper business at Vale, Baker and Arlington, giving him a wide acquaintance throughout the entire Eastern Oregon district. Since selling his newspaper at Arlington last fall he has been devoting a part of his time in connection with the state chamber of commerce of which he is a director. His family have been living in their former home at 908 Main avenue since last September.

"My father and I both have supreme confidence in the stability and progress of Union county and it is our expectation that 1927 and following years will mark renewed activity in both farm and city property demand. I appreciated the opportunity to become associated with my father and accept of the position of partner in the real estate business," explained George Huntington Curry.

Geo. H. Curry established the agency in 1916 at the time he sold the La Grande Observer which he founded in 1894.

K. P. Officials on Way to Salt Lake

A group of high officials of various grand divisions of Knights of Pythias in the Pacific Northwest and Canada passed through La Grande this morning on their way to Salt Lake City where they will attend the regional meeting of grand chancellors and grand keepers of records and seals from 13 states and provinces.

In the party were the following grand chancellors: Ed Hallgah, of St. Helens, representing Oregon; Fred G. Cook, representing Washington; Seattle, representing Washington; and Past Chancellor J. B. Stough, of the Vancouver, B. C. lodge. In the party were also the following grand keepers of records and seal: Walter G. Gleason, of Portland, representing Oregon; Fred G. Cook, of Olympia, representing Washington; William Boighlander, of Colfax, representing Idaho; Fred J. Harding, Vancouver, B. C., representing British Columbia. Among the delegation of La Grande people greeting the visitor were Mrs. Emma Harding and her daughter, Cora Harding Scott who put in a happy 10 minutes visiting with their son and brother, Fred J. Harding. In addition to meeting his mother and sister, Harding also was greeted by many of his former fellow townsmen inasmuch as he at one time made his home here. From a fraternal standpoint the regional meeting at Salt Lake and others like them that has been held throughout the U. S. and Canada are second in importance only to the supreme convention of that order.

YOUNG WILLS WIN

OAKLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Young Harry Wills, negro junior welterweight, won a technical knockout over Billy Murphy, of Lowell, Massachusetts in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout at Oakland auditorium last night.

OH DADDY!



Ruben Bland, of North Carolina, read somewhere that President Coolidge smiled when he met the father of 28 children. Ruben, being the father of 33 children, figured that the president would grin still more broadly when he met him. He was right.

ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING STRONG

General Public in Mexico Dubs U. C. as "Colossus of the North"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Secretary Kellogg today authorized statement that recall of Ambassador Sheffield from Mexico City is not under consideration and has not been discussed at the state department.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 13 (AP)—Anti-American sentiment in Mexico is being displayed as the general public becomes cognizant of the gravity of the international situation augmented by the concern of the American department of state over the specter of bolshevism here.

A manifestation against the American consulate at Guadalajara was averted only by military intervention; the National Students' congress voted yesterday to support the attitude of President Calles in the international crisis; denouncing at the same time the "northern colossus" while the newspapers, particularly El Universal, are charging domination of Mexico on the part of the United States at the behest of "exploiters who have invented money."

O. A. C. Cadet Band To Visit La Grande

Word has been received here that preliminary arrangements have been completed for the annual spring concert tour of the O. A. C. cadet band during spring vacation this year.

Towns and cities that now appear on the probable itinerary include Gresham, The Dalles, La Grande, Enterprise, Baker, Union, North Powder, Ontario and Welser, Id. A concert and dance is scheduled for each town.

Bill Would Change Justice Court In La Grande to District Tribunal

Among other proposed bills to come before this session of the state legislature in Salem that will affect La Grande is one that would alter the status of justice courts in county seats, towns and cities.

The measure, which was drafted recently by a committee representing the Oregon Association of Justices of the Peace, of which Judge Hugh E. Brady was a member, is like the Multnomah county plan, which has been successfully in use for some time.

Committee Vote Favors McNary, Haugen Measure

Agricultural Bill Is Approved by Vote of 13 to 8 Following a Three-Day Battle.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The house agricultural committee today approved the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill by a vote of 13 to 8.

The vote was taken after a motion to substitute the Curtis-Crisp bill failed, 16 to 5. Yesterday on a similar vote, the Curtis-Crisp bill received 10 votes against 11 for the McNary-Haugen bill.

A group of farm organization leaders who awaited the vote in Chairman Haugen's private office, received the news of today's vote with jubilation.

The committee's action ended a hard three-day fight over the proposal for an equalization fee levied on basic crops to control crop surpluses. This principle is included in the McNary-Haugen bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—An amendment to the postal laws which would fix a special rate for newspaper bundles, as proposed by newspaper publishers was disapproved today by the senate postoffice committee.

May Drive Out All Foreigners In Concessions

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13 (AP)—A report received here today said representatives of the Peking government called on certain legislators at Tientsin yesterday and "suggested" that the foreign concessions there be handed over to the Chinese.

Tientsin is the principal sea outlet and commercial capital of northern China.

This move is not considered surprising as the recent case at Hankow, where the southern government took over the British concession after an uprising among the coolies had caused evacuation of American and British residents, is considered a precedent which certain Chinese leaders intend to follow elsewhere.

Sacasa Rumored To Have Given Up

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 13 (AP)—An unconfirmed report was circulated here today that Juan B. Sacasa, head of the liberal government of Nicaragua was leaving Puerto Cabezas, realizing it was hopeless to continue his opposition to the regime of the conservative President Diaz in view of the attitude of the U. S.

It was reported also that President Sacasa was preparing to broadcast to the entire world a protest against the U. S. landing forces in Nicaragua.

Not Guilty Is Yellow Ticket Case Verdict

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—Circuit Judge John A. Stevenson today directed a verdict of not guilty in the "yellow ticket" case for E. E. Stackhouse, one of the five remaining defendants in the trial.

Arguments were at once begun for a similar directed verdict in the cases of the other four defendants, Charles A. German, Raymond W. Caldwell, Charles E. Henshaw and Walter H. Hredemeier.

Judge Stevenson said that nothing had been proved beyond possession of one of the yellow tickets on the part of Stackhouse and that this did not constitute "circulation."

3 INQUIRIES PROPOSED BY LEGISLATORS

Investigation of the State Fish Commission Already Arranged

SEEK EDUCATION, BOOK BOARD QUIZ

Speed Limit Bill Passed by Senate; Pendleton Men Ask Relocation of Normal School.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—With an investigation by a senate committee of the state fish commission already arranged to start next Monday evening, an investigation of the state text book commission and the state board of education was requested today by Senator Joseph, of Multnomah county.

Joseph asked that contracts for text books entered into with the American Book company and Ginn and company be investigated. The resolution charged that the companies had a virtual monopoly of the school book business in Oregon.

Speed Limit Passes Senate
The senate today passed a bill introduced by Senator Miller, of Josephine county, increasing speed limit of automobile from 30 to 35 miles an hour. Bailey, Carner and Hddy voted against it.

Senator Hall today introduced an old-age pension bill by request. Senator Hall's bill to make unlawful to drive a motor vehicle without a muffler was tabled in the senate today.

Without a word of comment the house today passed concurrent resolution No. 4 calling for allowance of \$5 a day for expenses of members of the 34th session. No roll call was taken. The majority had but two or three members who sang out softly.

The house today passed a resolution last night on \$100,000 from appropriation proposed for various state departments and activities.

Abolishment of the voters pamphlet publishing pictures and statements of candidates for public office is provided for in a bill introduced today by Senator A. R. Hunter.

Armory Bill in Representative Theodore J. Cramer Jr.; and Senator Edward W. Miller, of Grants Pass, introduced house bill No. 11 this morning calling for an appropriation of \$30,000 to be matched by contribution for the erection of an armory at Grants Pass.

The Tillamook and Washington county delegations started a drive for the construction of the proposed Wilson river toll road when they introduced in the house this morning a bill providing for construction of toll roads by the state highway commission.

Adjourn Until Monday
Both houses adjourned this forenoon until 10:30 o'clock Monday. The free text book bill, number 30 made its appearance in the house this morning with Representative Henshaw, of Marion, and Bailey as its sponsors. The

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THE LOST IS FOUND

Things that are lost can usually be found if Want Ads are used consistently. Most people are honest by nature and are glad to return items they pick up if they can find out who the owner is.

A black traveling bag was lost the other night on the highway near Albee. The owner advertised for it immediately in The Observer classified columns. It was returned to the Observer office yesterday morning by the finder who had read the advertisement. Grande Ronde Valley nearly everywhere throughout the entire Grande Ronde Valley reads The Observer regularly. It is an inexpensive means of contact not only for the merchant but for the frequent needs of the general public as well.

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