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FISH DIE BY THOUSANDS IN IRRIGATING DITCHES

SLAUGHTER IS NEEDLESS

Failure of Wardens to Enforce the Law for Screens Exterminating Finny Tribe on Rogue River

Fish are dying by the thousand in nearly all irrigating ditches of the county. The law requires that screens be placed in the conduits to prevent the fish from leaving the main streams, but no effort is made to enforce the law. The fish warden does nothing, and ditch owners say they have not seen or heard from him.

Unless something is done, and done at once, to stop the needless waste of the finny tribe, fishing on the Rogue river and its tributaries will soon become a thing of the past. To plant the streams with young fish only to let them perish in vast quantities in these ditches through the inefficiency and negligence of those paid to prevent it is a waste of money, and this negligence is destroying one of the most valuable assets of this community.

Same Story From All Over.
From every section of the county comes the same story—from Evans creek, from Little Butte, from the ditches along the Rogue and those along the Applegate. There are no screens anywhere, say returned fishermen, and a large mess of fish can be caught in a few minutes in any of the conduits, not caught by rod and line, but scooped out. The little fish descend these streams, get caught in the shallow water and perish.

The Fish Lake ditch, the Slinger ditch, the Hanley ditch and many other artificial waterways are lined with dead fish. Young steelheads, cutthroats, rainbow and brook trout perish together by the hundreds.

Upon Evans Creek.
A correspondent writes from Evans creek as follows:
"A great many people are wondering why there are no trout in the streams. If they would just take a trip up Evans creek and look at the many thousands of trout dead in the irrigating ditches and in the fields they would know where they were going. It seems as though the fish warden has never made a trip up Evans creek. You can get trout by the thousands in a few minutes in these ditches. Not only that, but the smell is something fearful, where they have been thrown by running water on the grass. You can see them from two inches up to ten, and yet no one says a word or reports the same to the warden. I understand there is no screen at either one of the dams on Evans creek."

Charles Gay and Harry Messler are fish wardens here, but apparently inactive, as the same story comes from every section.

CHAMPION GROUP OF MINES IN BAD SHAPE

Secretary A. L. Hayes of the Champion Group Mining Company, whose claims are in Siskiyou, California, in a statement to the stockholders sent out from Portland on May 29, shows that the total receipts of the company from May 15, 1907, to March 11, 1908, were \$27,110.31, nearly all of which came from the sale of stock. Of this amount there is \$4.90 left in bank and \$4648.97 was spent for labor and supplies at the mines. The rest went elsewhere.

The secretary gives a lot of other information as to the conduct of the company and closes the statement with the following paragraph:
"It is to be deplored that at least 60 per cent of the money paid in by stockholders had not been expended at the mines, for had it been we today would have producing property, instead of nothing but debts and bankrupt. In this era of 'high financeering' I may be considered by some as 'irresponsible and unreliable' for having dared to give facts to stockholders of the Champion Group Mining Company."

FISH WARDEN IS KING OF CARNIVAL

PORTLAND, Or., June 6.—When Rex Oregon, gink of the rose fiesta, unmasked last night, it was discovered that he was M. C. McAllister, master fish warden of the state. Great mystery had surrounded the identity of the king, who remained disguised until last night's ball, when he revealed his identity to the guests.

FAIRBANKS' JOB WANTED

Mining Expert Declares He is a Western Man and has the Backing of the Pacific Coast.

BOSTON, Mass., June 6.—John Hays Hammond today issued the following statement regarding his vice-presidential candidacy:
"I entered the vice-presidential race as a western man. Although my summer home is in Massachusetts, I am a native of California and my activities have all been in the west."

"The whole Pacific coast is back of me, as well as Montana, Utah, Nevada and Colorado. My position is just this: If the party leaders decide that a New Englander is needed, then Governor Guild of Massachusetts is the man for the place, and I will use right means to get the nomination for him."
"When I announced my candidacy I understood that Governor Guild was in such poor health that he could not make a campaign."
"I want it understood that I am a western candidate."

PACKEY MACFARLAND TO FIGHT FREDDIE WELCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 6.—Baron Long, acting for Jim Jeffries' Los Angeles club, arrived from Chicago today and announced that he has signed Packey MacFarland and Freddie Welch to box 25 rounds at Los Angeles July 4. Long was acting for Welch and made the agreement with MacFarland and his manager in Chicago.

The conditions are as follows: Both men to make 133 pounds at 9 o'clock the morning of the fight, contest to take place at 3 o'clock. Boxers to receive 50 per cent of the gross receipts, divided 65 per cent to the winner and 35 to the loser. The club guarantees in addition that MacFarland will receive \$4000 win or lose. Jeffries will be the referee.

LAST DAY OF RACING ON EMERYVILLE TRACK

OAKLAND, Cal., June 6.—Today is the last day of the racing season on the Emeryville track and an immense crowd is on hand to witness the events. The Presidio handicap and the final handicap are the features of the card. The Presidio handicap is for a mile and a sixteenth; purse \$10,000; and the final handicap is five and a half furlongs. The season has been successful.

At Christian Church.

Sunday, June 7.—The Necessary Fruits of Christianity will be the theme Sunday morning at the Christian church, corner of Sixth and I streets. In the evening at 8 o'clock the subject will be "An Honest Doubter." Both themes deal with practical questions of the day, and you should hear them.

10:00 a. m. is the Sunday school hour. Last Sunday the attendance was the largest in the history of the school. Young people's meeting promptly at 7 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us at any or all these services. Marion F. Horn, minister.
P. M. Erickson left Friday for a month's visit at Duluth, Minn. He took along a quantity of best literature.
J. M. McKenzie and family of Iowa are recent arrivals.

FLOODS IN OKLAHOMA

Twenty Houses Swept in Enid---Two Deaths in Kansas by Cyclone---The Wires Prostrated.

ENID, Okla., June 6.—Twenty houses have been washed away and scores injured as the result of a flood following the most severe rainstorm in the history of the state today. Men are at work in the wreckage searching for bodies, but so far no dead have been reported.

The water stands 12 feet deep in the main street of the town and sweeping like a raging river through the streets and the stores and business section. Business is suspended also.

CHESTER, Kan., June 6.—Two deaths are reported today and six people were seriously injured in a tornado that swept through South Kansas last night. The wind attained a terrific velocity and property loss is heavy. Wires are down everywhere and reports are meager.

Two Sunday Games.

Grants Pass vs. Jacksonville at Medford June 7. This game will be for the championship of southern Oregon. This will be the last professional game in the Medford grounds this year. Game called at 2:45. Admission 35 and 25 cents. In the morning, Medford will play Gold Hill on the local grounds. Both games will be worth seeing. Ladies free at the morning game.

The funeral of George Abdorf, who died as a result of a runaway on Wednesday, was held Friday under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

S. Claspill was down from Butte Falls this week after a big load of merchandise for the store of Claspill & Wheeler.

B. Lane Wyland of Climax was in Medford this week visiting his parents.

J. F. Brown and S. H. Harnish of Eagle Point made Medford a business visit Friday.

D. B. Russell has been confined to his home by a severe attack of indigestion.

A. O. Free, principal of the Gold Hill schools, was in Medford Friday on land business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Palm are enjoying a visit with relatives and friends at their old home in Ohio.

Rud Adams of Roseburg, a former resident of Jacksonville, is visiting relatives living in Medford.

"Quo Vadis" tonight. Curtain will be held until 9 o'clock.

YOU PAY NOTHING
for the Medford Morning Mail as the management has signed contracts with advertisers guaranteeing to deliver a paper at each house in greater Medford free. See that you get your paper or notify advertisers.

PRETTY HELLO GIRL SMASHES WINDOW

Miss Amy Kent, the pretty night operator at the telephone station, deserves a medal for devotion to duty. She inadvertently locked herself in the wash room early Friday morning. Realizing that the keyboard would be deserted for three hours, until the day shift came on duty, with her clenched fists she smashed the fancy glass window over the door, and crawled through the opening thus made to resume her duties.

CANDIDATES TO APPEAL

Allies to Take the Fight Against Taft Into Convention --- Regulars in Florida Attacked.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The anti-Taft allies have not yet surrendered in spite of the victory whereby Taft yesterday succeeded in seating his delegates from Alabama and Arkansas, Congressman J. P. Burke of Pennsylvania, the leader of the Knox boom, today said:
"I have good reason to believe that it will be impossible for the Taft men to 'pack' the credentials committee, which will make up the permanent roll. It may be seen that some of the names which have been placed on the temporary roll of the convention by the national committee will not be on the permanent roll, which first made up by the credentials committee. We will carry this fight into the convention, and after all the dealing of the delegates must be done by the credentials committee. This fight has not been given up by a great deal."

The contests from Florida were taken up by the national committee this morning. The first speaker was J. N. Stripling, who made a bitter attack on the so-called "regulars" in Florida. He said they were a close corporation formed chiefly for the purpose of controlling federal patronage in the state. He alleged that only 15 persons were present at the state convention held by the "regulars." J. N. Coombs denied the charges.

OPTION FISH LAKE DITCH DITCH IS REJECTED

Kuhn Bros., millionaire bankers and brokers of Pittsburg, have thrown up their option on the Fish Lake ditch and withdrawn from the field. They had contemplated an investment of millions, enlarging and extending the irrigation works throughout the valley. They demanded, before making the investment, that there be some indication that water was in demand here. They asked that several thousand acres be signed up for irrigation in the valley. Although all orchardists clamored for water, when they got a chance to get it, they refused to sign contracts, hence Kuhn Bros. withdrew from the field.

HENEY FEARS MURDER OF CHIEF WITNESSES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—F. J. Heney said in court today that he was anxious to go to trial with Roof before the dynamiters had a chance to kill the prosecution's chief witness. The case went over one week.

WANTS TO MATCH BURNS TO FIGHT KETCHELL

CHICAGO, June 6.—James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, today cabled Tommy Burns asking for a match with Ketchell in San Francisco on Labor day. Ketchell is anxious to take on the acting champion and thinks that he has a good chance of wrestling the belt from him.
If the Burns-Ketchell bout falls through, an effort will be made to match Ketchell with Jack O'Brien for the Pacific coast. Failing in this, an attempt will be made to match Stanley with Sammy Langford.
Ketchell, Coffroth and Joe O'Connor, Ketchell's manager, left for the east. Ketchell will attend the Lewis-Lewis fight Tuesday night.

WHYTE EVANS LOSSES HIS EXTORTION CASE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 6.—The jury in the extortion case brought by J. Whyte Evans of Portland against Dr. J. W. Owens, this morning brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Mrs. Lillian Buck Moore has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie, at Hood River.
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FIVE SLAUGHTERED BY BLOWUP ON TENNESSEE

TEN PERISH IN EXPLOSION

Gas Pumping Station Blows Up---Immense Tanks are Thrown Three Blocks---Hospital Walls Shattered

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 6.—Ten persons are known to have been seriously injured and deaths may result from the explosion early today in the Presto-lite gas pumping station, which blew up on the side of the St. Vincent in firmary, adjacent.

The explosion occurred at an early hour. The immense tanks of the gas company were thrown three blocks by the terrific force of the explosion and the entire side of the hospital next to the gas works was blown out. Nearly every window in the hospital was broken and scenes of wild confusion ensued almost resulting in a panic among those who escaped from the wrecked infirmary. There were 100 patients in the hospital, and it is said the shock will result in the death of many who were critically ill. The buildings of the gas works caught fire immediately after the explosion and rendered the work of rescuing extremely dangerous. The injured were saved from a horrible death in the fire by the heroic efforts of the firemen. The search for bodies is continuing.

RUSSIAN NAVY ROTTEN AS BEFORE JAP WAR

ST. PETERSBURG, June 6.—The ministry of marine is today considering an answer to a scathing attack made in the Duma Friday night on the Russian navy in which it was charged that the terrible lessons taught by the war with Japan had not been heeded by the government.

Kolbatiukin, constitutional democrat, led the attack on the government and declared that the personnel of the navy was shiftless. He declared that navy officers shirked sea duty for pleasure ashore. Admiral Bostrom attempted to reply to the attack, but was hissed from the floor. A resolution was passed expressing dissatisfaction with the administration of the navy and demanding that those who had communicated the secrets of Russian gun, shell and armor construction to England be severely punished.

FIGURE ON PURCHASE OF PACIFIC & EASTERN

J. D. Twoly of San Jose, Cal., D. D. Twoly of Spokane, Wash., and J. P. McDougal of Spokane, Wash., capitalists and railroad builders, in company with Edgar Hafer of the Crater Lake Lumber company and Dr. J. P. Reddy, have been visiting the Iowa camp and the Butte Falls timber belt, inspecting the railroad conditions with a view to taking over the Pacific & Eastern. These men are amply able to finance the proposition and will have hearty co-operation should they decide to acquire the road. Large profits await the builders of this line, which will develop a large territory.

Friday's Baseball.

At San Francisco—San Francisco 9, Oakland 5.
At Portland—Los Angeles 4, Portland 2.
Bargains for Sale.
See us for bargains. We have farms for sale, well improved; good orchards; rich soil; \$20 to \$60 per acre. Pears & Little, Brownsville Land & Investment Co., Brownsville, Oregon.
FOR SALE—Good home, 14x16, matched floor, 45 feet waisting, part furnished. E. B. Sawyer, No. 303 North O st.
William Biggies and family have moved into their new residence, Queen Anne addition.
Mrs. J. M. McIntosh and children left Saturday to visit in Portland.
Messrs. Tronson and Guthrie of Eagle Point spent Saturday in Medford.
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WILL SEND DELEGATION TO HEARST CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Or., June 6.—Eight delegates will be sent from Portland to the national convention of Hearst independence party at Chicago July 27, if Hugh Melrose, who is here today, is right in his statement. Melrose is in Portland with the avowed intention of organizing the independence party.

BOILING PIT IN VOLCANO

Light from Molten Lava can be Seen Thirty Five Miles--- Explosions are Frequent.

HONOLULU, H. I., June 6.—Lorri A. Thurston, who just returned from the volcano at Kilauea, says that the disturbance there is by far the greatest since 1884, when the bottom dropped in the lake, forming the present pit. The pit of lava is boiling and bubbling at a terrific rate and there are continual explosions at intervals of about a minute. The light from the boiling pit can be seen 35 miles away. He says the lava lake is in the shape of a figure eight, about 800 feet long and averaging about 400 feet wide. "Immediately after each explosion," said Thurston, "a tremendous suction draws the lava from a radius of 100 feet into a vortex like that of a maelstrom. Great cakes of lava 15 and 20 feet in diameter are being hurled into the air. Then they are sucked down into the vortex and disappear. "This action has been going on now for several days, the lake constantly enlarging and the floor of the pit being raised by the overflows of lava."
"If the filling goes on it should be running over by the last of the week. It is impossible to tell whether it will continue at the present rate. It is the grandest natural phenomena now visible on the face of the earth."

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Following is a list of the dead: E. C. Boggs, Woodlawn, Ala.; O. W. Meew, fireman, Skidmore, Kan.; A. Reinhold, machinist, Germany; George Wood, water tender, Seranton, Pa. **Tried to Beat Record.**
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Herotism of Sailors.

The wounded and survivors owe their existence to the heroism of their fellow sailors, who graced death dealing steam in the work of rescuing. Among those fatally injured are: S. M. Stenatis, fireman, Norfolk, Va.; and P. S. Maxfield, fireman, of Pennsylvania.

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Hotel Nash
Table d'Hote Dinner
Sunday Evening, June 7th
Plaisir du Roi
Cassoulette Portugaise
Striped Bass, Prince Orloff
Potafe a la Windsor
Filet Mignon Belle Fermiere
Pomme Comtesse
Roast Capon and Dressing
Salad Cleo de Merod
Asparagus and Braised Butter
Strawberry Short Cake
Fruit, Harom Styls
Mocha