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Marble Halls Attract Visitors Commission To Enforce Law

Caves Among World Wonders

Many Tourists and Large Numbers of Oregon Residents Enjoy Recreation In Great Forest Reserve Near Medford In Which Beautiful Caves Are Located

Geologists say that sometime prior to the last glacial period the region in which the Caves are situated was warped and broken by the earth movements that are continually taking place, and great fissures were thereby left in the rocks. The melting glaciers which formerly covered this country were the sources of many powerful streams which exist no longer. Apparently one of these streams found its way through the Caves. This is shown by deposits of river gravel such as are found along all streams. The largest deposit of this gravel is on a bench behind the Ghost Room, the highest point yet found in the Caves. This stream by dissolving the marble and carrying it away, enlarged and shaped the Caves into their present form. As the ages passed the glaciers and the streams that sprang from the glaciers disappeared, other earth movements changed the relative position of the various parts of the Caves, and the slow deposit of limestone, by the constant trickle of ground water, formed the incrustations that are now found. That there have been other earth movements since is shown by the offsets that occur in stalactites. These must necessarily grow perpendicularly but there is at least one example where a very gradual slip has caused a stalactite and stalagmite that had united in the usual vertical relation to take on a distinct slant. The former is 4 or 5 inches to one side of the latter. This required a very long period, probably several thousand years.

The interior of the Caves is practically lined with marble, which, as a geologist would explain, is "only limestone that has become hardened and crystallized by the action of those agents in the shell of the earth—heat, pressure, and circulating water." Ira A. Williams, late geologist of the Oregon State Bureau of Mines and Geology, writing of the healing process of water as exemplified in the Oregon Caves, says:

Water is the agent by which the healing process is carried on. It dissolves in places of plenty and transports to points of weakness, where it skillfully applies layer after layer, as a soothing lotion to an open sore. The jagged surfaces of rough rock walls are coated over, furrowed ceilings are smoothed out, floors harmoniously carpeted to match. In some places fine pillars rise from

the floors or drop from the roof as though temporarily to steady a precarious span. And it seems to be characteristic of the manner in which this agent of restoration works, that there will be found at almost at any stage in most exquisite surface finish. Ceilings and walls are frescoed with well-nigh unwarranted elegance; alcoves, balconies, and corridors are fringed with the most immaculate draperies, floors silk-lustered and never meant for the tread of feet. Ever dissatisfied, it would seem, with the results obtained, a fresh coat is put on, and then another, each differing from the one it covers up—not in substance, but varied in design infinitesimally as the case may be.

On Brush Creek, 3½ miles distant, another opening has been

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Junior Editor of Times in Orient

Gerald Sittser, Jr. Writes From China and Tells of Stormy Voyage Across Pacific

Many inquiries come to us concerning Gerald, Jr. and we believe the following letter, recently received, will be of interest to many of our readers:

Dear Folks:

Just arrived in China. Am well and hope you are the same. We are now going up the Yang Te Ze river. Chinese junks and sampans are all around us. We passed very close to one. It was loaded down with some kind of wood cut in four foot lengths. The whole family was sitting on top. The Steward called his dog over to the side of the ship and

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Velma Farnham Visits Boston

Famous Historic Spots Provide Interesting Entertainment For Willamina Girl In East

Velma Farnham, who has spent the past year in New York City, recently took a trip to Boston by boat. Among the many historical sights she saw was The Old North Church, where Paul Revere hung the lanterns, Bunker Hill Monument; a side trip to Lexington and Concord was very much enjoyed, and last but far from the least, was a trip to Plymouth, where she saw the memorable Plymouth Rock. It was much smaller than she expected. Near by stands a lovely white statue of a Puritan maid and a fountain, and on a hill nearby of Massachusetts. At Dedham Mass. she saw the oldest house standing in Mass. It was built in 1639 by Jonathan Fairbanks. It is still filled with the old furnishings. There were Spinning wheels and a big loom, and plenty of cradles. The house is sagging and one upstairs room was unsafe to enter. The ceilings were very low. She visited the Harvard and Radcliffe campuses. At Harvard she saw the famous glass flowers. There were models of hundreds of American flowers and flat sections showing the structure of the flower; all so realistic that it was hard to convince oneself they were not flowers themselves. She spent three ideal days in the State and fully enjoyed the trip and the many wonderful sights.

Harold Clifford, state game warden left Portland Saturday for a swing through Central and Eastern Oregon. He will visit Canyon City, Baker, Union, La Grande and Pendleton and aside from inspecting hatcheries will meet with sportsmen and county game wardens.

Shriners Fish In Oregon Streams

Red-Capped Visitors From Far Ends of America Try Luck On Western Trout

Quite a number of the Shriners who stopped in Portland enroute to the East from the convention in Los Angeles purchased non-resident angler's licenses and fished streams of Oregon. Several went to the Deschutes and others tried their luck at salmon fishing below Oregon City falls.

Norma Shearer At The Lark

Girl With One Hundred Per Cent Screen Voice to Appear In Big Drama at Show House

Norma Shearer, who makes her talking picture debut in "The Trail of Mary Dugan," Bayard Veiller's all talking picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which is a 100 per cent dialogue special and which opens Sunday at the Lark Theatre, is known as the "girl with the 100 per cent talking picture voice."

Miss Shearer, who never has been on the stage, studied voice culture at the University of Southern California before she was assigned to the title role in the Bayard Veiller stage hit, and when studio executives heard her first test they were amazed by her perfect diction and voice quality. Critics then saw the test and pronounced it "100 per cent."

Lewis Stone, H. B. Warner and Raymond Hackett are co-featured with Miss Shearer in the murder drama. Lilvan Fashman, Olive Tell, Myra Hamton, Mary Doran and others of note appear in the supporting cast.

Vale—\$95,921 lowest combination bid on 45-mile lateral system of Harper and Little Valley unit of government irrigation project.

Salmon at Stake

Fish Commission Has Full and Sole Jurisdiction Over All Oregon Streams

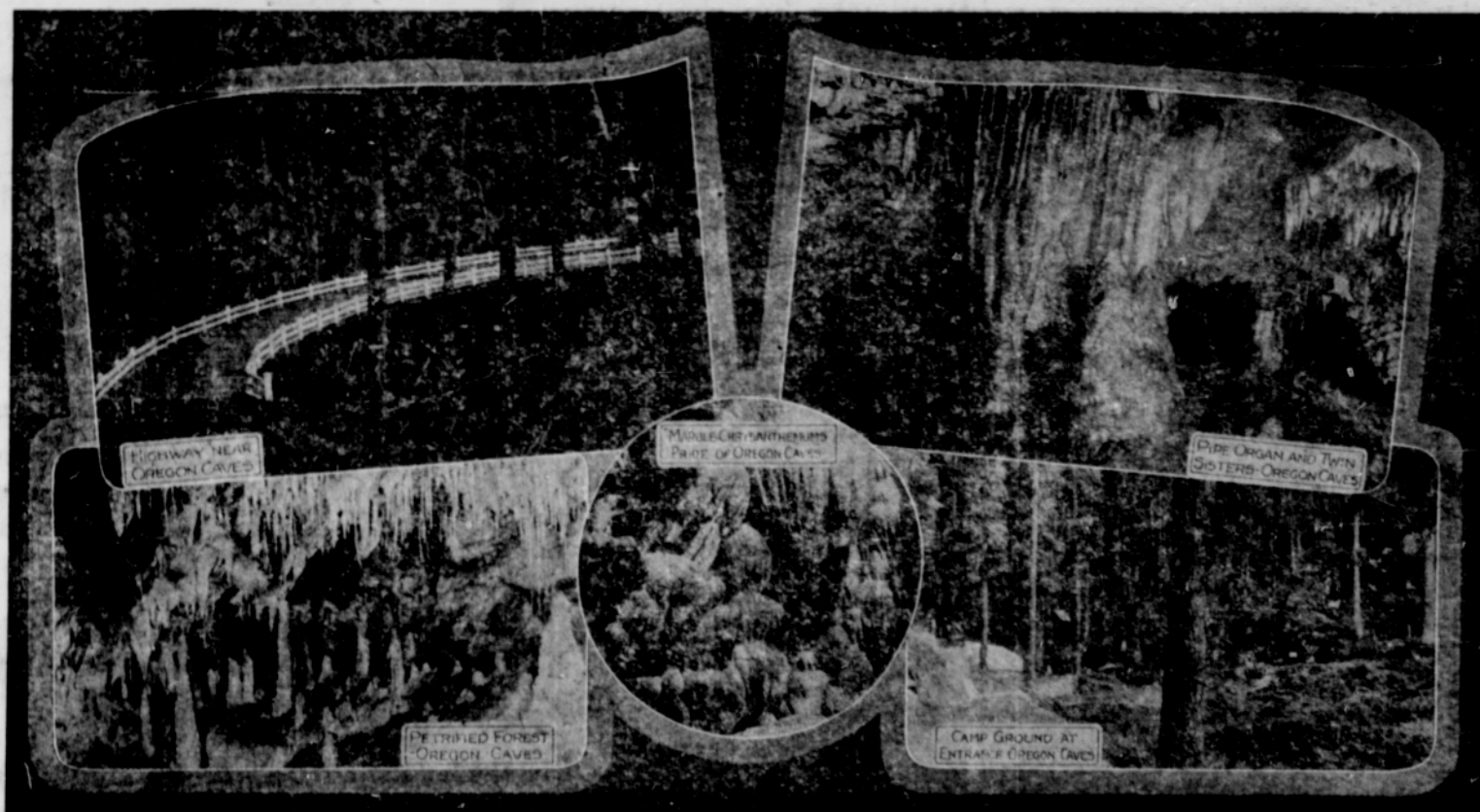
Responsibility for the enforcement of the commercial fishing laws is imposed upon the state game commission, according to Harold Clifford, State Game Warden. "I wish to make this matter clear in order to correct a mistaken idea in the minds of many Oregon citizens," said Mr. Clifford. "The fish commission has exclusive jurisdiction over salmon. When a game warden makes an arrest for violation of laws protecting salmon he must have been specially authorized by the fish commission, and the offender must be prosecuted under the commercial code. There is a constant agitation on the part of sportsmen who insist that the game commission should protect salmon, particularly Chinook and Silver-sides. The commission assumes responsibility for the protection of these fish in streams and waters closed to commercial fishermen. During the past year 50 arrests have been made, much property confiscated and \$2100 in fines imposed for violations of the commercial fishing code by efforts of our department. If the game department is to enforce the commercial fishing laws it must be given entire jurisdiction or else some method of raising additional funds must be provided."

Cat fish planted by the state game commission in Olalla Slough, near Toledo, are being caught in large quantities, according to John H. Price, deputy state game warden. He also has reported that large number of sun fish are being caught. The cat fish were salvaged from Columbia Slough, near Portland two years ago and transplanted in Olalla Slough. Deputy Price reports that the catches made in the slough have greatly increased the number of licenses sold in Lincoln County.

Diamond Lake will yield a take of eight million rainbow trout eggs for the hatchery department of the state game commission, this season, according to Matt Ryckman, superintendent, who has just returned from Central Oregon. The number falls far short of that taken last season but the unusually large yield from Crane Prairie and Spencer Creek makes the total take in excess of that of 1928. "Diamond Lake was frozen over to a depth of three feet and as a consequence many of the fish spawned near the shore line," said Mr. Ryckman. "The ice was three times as thick this season as it was last year,"

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Views of Some of the many fascinating spots to be seen in the wonderful Oregon Caves



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