NEW BIRDS TO FIND HOMES IN OREGON

Game Warden's Agents to Bring Bohemian Pheasants and Hungarian Partridges.

SONGSTERS ALSO WANTED

Individuals Send Funds Abroad by Max Muller for Purchase of Skylarks—Trip to Europe to Start January 2.

The statement that the State Fish and Game Commission was to send Max Muller to Europe for the second shipment of Hungarian partridges has brought a flood of letters to State Game Warden Finley, asking that the birds be liberated on preserves in different parts of the state.

Mr. Muller, who leaves next week, is to bring 500 pairs, but that number would not begin to answer the requests that have been received.

Mr. Muller will leave with instructions to bring some Bohemian pheasants as well as the partridges. The Bohemian pheasant is now in Oregon in small numbers, but the stock needs some replenishing and a shipment of probably 100 pairs will be made at the same time that the Hungarian partridges of the West.

Pheasant Nibbles Crops.

One of the reasons for the unusual demand for the Hungarians is that many of the farmers and hunters contend that the Chinese pheasant is detrimental to both sport and the crops.

Farmers say that the present China bird destroys much grain and that a flock of them will swoop down and literally clean a field of all the crop.

Mr. Finley has shown that the bird is carnivorous and that it prefers insects and berries to grain.

Hunters say the pheasant is crowding out the native game birds. This also is not a fact, according to Warden Finley.

In several instances eggs of pheasants have been found in the nests of grouse. The pheasants do not molest the grouse, however, and the latter hatched and raised the pheasants like its own.

Bohemian Pheasant Carnivorous.

The Bohemian pheasant, which Mr. Finley is now about to have introduced, is a little larger than the China pheasant and is purely carnivorous. It will be an extremely good field bird and will be liberated in Eastern Oregon.

Like the pheasant, it makes an excellent bird to herd on preserves. It becomes tame and, like the Chinese species, will live in the center of a city.

Mr. Muller for years was superintendent of the state poultry farm at the Asylum at Salem. He also has been interested in the progagation of game birds and it was in recognition of his ability along these lines that he was selected to make the first trip.

The first was so successful in the class of birds finally delivered here that the commissioners thought it advisable to send him for more. He will leave on January 2.

Skylarks Also in Demand.

Warden Finley also suggested that he bring some skylarks, birds which have become almost extinct. However, the commissioners did not think it advisable to take the skylark into consideration, because the birds could not be classed as game.

A subscription fund for the purpose of purchasing several skylarks and transporting them to Oregon has been suggested.

This, Mr. Finley thinks, is a good scheme and he is willing to make arrangements with Mr. Muller to bring the birds over if public-spirited individuals will help in the work. Skylarks can be purchased for virtually nothing, and the real item of expense would be in their shipment half way around the globe.

Songbirds to Be Planted.

Residents of Riverside and members of the Waverly Country Club are interested in the work of transplanting alien birds in Oregon.

Ralph Hahn and F. W. Isherwood, residents of the Rivera, a section south of the city in the big game preserve, have become interested to the extent of pledging themselves for 15 pairs of skylarks.

Amadee Smith is another. He gave $25, with instructions to get as many as that would bring.

Years ago there was in Portland the Portland Songbird Club, interested in getting songbirds into Oregon. It did much good work for a while, but was not entirely successful in stocking the state fully.

Some prominent Germans, who were members of that club, are still interested and have communicated with Mr. Finley in regard to getting more birds.

LEVINSKY OUTBOXES COFFEY

Fox, English Bantam, Beats Mooney and Rodel Defeats Flynn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Conceding 26 pounds to Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," Battling Levinsky, the light heavyweight of Philadelphia, outfought and outboxed Coffey in every round but the second of a ten-round bout here tonight.

"Young" Fox, English bantamweight, made a good impression in his first fight in this country, defeating Joe Mooney, of New York, in a ten-round contest.

George Rodel, Boer heavyweight, outfought Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, in another ten-round contest. Rodel had the better of every round except the ninth.

Ex-Stars to Receive Letters.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—Sixty-three ex-football players, many of them famous on the University of Minnesota gridiron from 1890 to 1899 inclusive, will receive their long-delayed "Ms" on February 18, at was announced late today. The Board of Athletic Control recently appointed a committee to unearth the names of the old-time athletes who played football in the early days who had never received their letters.

Amateur Athletics.

The McLoughlin Club basketball team will journey to Mollalla Saturday to meet the fast quintet of that place. Several open dates are on the locals' schedule and games are wanted with any fast team of the city. Write Manager John D. Dwyer in care of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Electric building.

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Portland boys, who are attending California universities, arrived home for the holidays within the past few days. More are to follow on the boat which left San Francisco Sunday. Raymond Buckley, a former Jefferson High athlete, arrived Sunday morning. Bob McMurray, and Andrew Koerner came the day before.

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The final basketball and soccer practice of the various teams of the Portland Interscholastic League will be held today prior to the annual Christmas vacation. Several schools had planned on holiday practice, but as yet nothing definite has been decided. School will reopen Monday, January 5.

Because something went wrong with the furnace at the Washington High School yesterday no school was in session and as a result a good long practice was indulged in by the various aspirants for the athletic teams.

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The Chapman Grammar School football team, heavyweight champions of 1913, was presented with the Portland Interscolastic trophy for the season just passed. As the tie in the Interscohaltic League could not be played off and a tie existed in the lightweight section of the Grammar School League, Honeyman Hardware Company gave each lightweight team a trophy, one being the heavyweight cup and the other the trophy offered.

According to the reports of several of the Portland boys, they do not seem to like the Rugby played in the California schools as well as they do the regular American football. Several who were stars at our game have failed to make good at the English game.

CUP CANDIDATE IS ALTERED

More Weight Put on Keel of Possible Defender of Trophy.

BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 22.—A departure from the original plans of the America's cup defender candidate under construction here developed today when orders were given to add another foot of lead to the keel that was cast December 12. It is understood that the change means merely the carrying of ballast outside instead of inside and that the water line will not be altered.

The weight of the keel will be increased 62 to 75 tons. As a result of the change several alterations in the specifications will be necessary.

LETTER DELAYED 30 YEARS

Mail Returned From Europe After Mysterious Vacation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After reposing for 30 years either in a desk of the Swedish and Norwegian consulate, in Marseilles, or in the postoffice of the French seaport, a letter was returned yesterday to Max M. Norman, the sender, at his office, No. 8 Bridge street.

Mr. Norman, after looking at his signature carefully and reading the letter, recalled having written the communication for his firm in 1883.

While employed by Benham & Boyesen, ship brokers, Mr. Norman was requested, on October 3, 1883, to write a letter to Captain Larsen, of the Swedish bark Superior, which was bound East, with orders to stop at Marseilles. This letter was the long-delayed missive.

The envelope, which was in fairly good condition, bore the following postmarks: "New York, 11 A. M., Oct. 1, 1883," and "Marseilles, Oct. 18, 1883." Another mark, partly obliterated, seemed to be the postmark of Paris.

The directions, "Retour New York," was written in ink below the address.

Mr. Norman, who is now a member of the firm, has ordered the letter and envelope to be framed.

WAIF INFANT IS PERFECT

Asylum Baby Wins First Prize in Jersey City Contest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—George Dean, a waif baby in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, has won first prize in a "better babies" contest conducted in Jersey City. The judges marked George 100 per cent, and gave him a gold medal.

The prize baby is 14 months old, and is the son of Mrs. Rose Dean, a former employe at the Jersey City Hospital. The judges have tried in vain to discover the whereabouts of the mother.

Edna May Ashton, 10 months old, of No. 8 Mill Road, was the silver medal winner. She got a marking of 99.7 per cent.

The bronze medal winners were Victor Hunt, 30 months old, of No. 540 Ocean avenue, and Francis Verbout, 10 months, of No. 384 Seventh street. Victor's percentage was 99.5.

MAN SAVED BY 16 HAIRS

Justices Acquit Steinberg When He Proves Facial Robbery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—His whiskers saved David Steinberg when Mrs. Jennie Carel complained against him in Brooklyn Special Sessions.

He and she live on separate floors of 156 Boerum street, Williamsburg. She accused Steinberg of striking her on August 2 in a quarrel over their respective children.

"She made the attack on me," said Steinberg through an interpreter. "She pulled my whiskers! See! Here is the proof!"

Steinberg, who wears a heavy black beard, drew a copy of the Hebrew Bible from his pocket. Opening it to the third page he showed the court 16 black filaments of human hair.

"They were torn from my beard," he explained.

Thereupon Justices Forker, Russell and Zeller acquitted him.

BALL MAGNATES DO LITTLE, TALK MUCH

Northwestern League Dates Are Being Arranged at Late Night Session.

SESSION CONTINUES TODAY

Game Dates Arranged for Colored Giants, Who Will Appear in Portland Against Colts, on Sunday, April 12.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

On the theory that it's hard to do champagne work on chaser weather, Northwestern League baseball moguls met in annual conclave yesterday in Portland and accomplished nothing.

That is to say, the aforesaid magnates did nothing further than arrange the dates for a Spring tour of the colored American Giants in the Northwest, discuss schedule K, eat a gorgeous spread at the expense of Fielder A. Jones and flirt with various cabaret accessories.

So far as digging out a schedule for 1914, swapping ballplayers and the likes of that, there wasn't enough business chalked up to consume one-half an inch on the market page.

The season likely will open Tuesday, April 14, and close Sunday, September 27, but even this will not be definitely settled until sometime tomorrow morning.

The Colored Giants, who hogged so much time, are the same bony-hued ball athletes who invaded the Northwest last Spring, after walloping the Portland Beavers in Spring camp. They will open their race war at Seattle, April 4 and 5; move to Tacoma for April 6; Victoria, April 7 and 8; Vancouver, 9 and 10; Tacoma, April 11, and Portland, Sunday, April 12, against the Colts.

This game will give Portland fans their first squint at Nick Williams' Class B bunch.

President Wattelet, of the Victoria club, brought on a heated discussion by recommending the ousting of the various telephone herald and signaling systems from the ball parks, alleging that they hurst attendance. The Western Union also appeared, asking a monopoly of the basebal news. Both these matters were put up to President Jones, after brief talks of 25,000 and 30,000 words by al lhands around.

Joe McGinnity, pjresident of the Tacoma club, desired to have the constitution amended, revamped, ironed and manicured so President Jones appointed McGinnity and F. C. Farr, of Spokane, as a committee to draft a new constitution. They will report today.

At a late hour last night the magnates were locked in a boudoir in the Oregon Hotel scrapping over playing dates. The sessions will be resumed this morning and ought to be finished by noon today.

Directors present were: D. E. Dugdale, president Seattle club; Joseph McGinnity, president Tacoma club; D. A. Wattelet, president Victoria club; Robert P. Brown, president Vancouver club; F. C. Farr, president Spokane club; W. W. McCredie, president Portland club, and Fielder A. Jones, president Northwestern League.

Others on the rollcall with brassy insteps were: Mike Lynch, manager of the Spokane Indians; Frank Redpath, secretary Tacoma Tigers; Nick Williams, manager Portland Colts, and two Seattle newspaper men, Portus Baxter and Ed Runyan Hughes.

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Remember how it always rained when the Northwestern League was due for a visit here last Summer? Well, yethtaday wath th' shame ol' history, only more sho. It began trickling when D. E. Dugdale registered at his hotel and it was trickling late last evening.

An expert on W. C. T. U. affairs would likely call it a bush league rain, but there were some who might take umbrage at such an obvious reflection.

CZAR'S SON SOON TO DIE

Heir to Russian Throne Reported Suffering From Hessian Disease.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. — Czarevitch Alexis, son of Nicholas II, Czar of all the Russias, is expected to die within a year, according to Stanislaw Wolsky, Russian revolutionist, author, attorney and escaped exile, who is in Chicago on a lecture tour. Wolsky, who was sentenced to life exile in Siberia, escaped from his guards and left Russia in disguise.

The Czarevitch is said to be suffering from "Hessian" disease, a malady which occurs frequently in Hesse-Darmstadt, of which country his mother is a native. Wolsky said yesterday the Czarevitch has been near death several times. The strange disease takes the form of weakening the blood vessels and causing them to burst under strain or shock. The Prince recently fell from a horse and the shock caused several blood vessels to burst. For a time, said Wolsky, the court physicians despaired of saving the boy's life.

VETERAN WINS DOG CASE

New Jersey Man of 75 and Father of Twins Outgenerals Law.

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 15.—Edgar M. Taylor, 74 years old, of South Orange, former Assemblyman, wealthy, a Civil War veteran and father of year-old twins, proved to Police Judge Edward W. McDonough that he had not interfered with Patrolman Theodore Stieve when the latter shot Mr. Taylor's pet dog. As a result of the hearing the chaiige of "interfering with an officer" was dismissed.

After the case had been dismissed Mr. Taylor announced that he would bring an action against the village to recover damages for the dog which was killed.

The shooting took place after Taylor had refused to chain up the animal. This was demanded by indignant neighbors.

Patrolman Stieves charged that when he told Taylor that an order had been issued to shoot the dog, Mr. Taylor pushed him aside and used violent language.

Kraus Mor, Samuel Johnson and George Arcularius, who were called as witnesses, said that Mr. Taylor did nothing that would have prevented the patrolman from shooting the dog.

St. Johns Lodge Has Reunion.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The annual homecoming reunion of Larrel Lodge, No. 16, Oddfellows, was held here tonight and largely attended by members. An interesting programme was rendered. N. D. Byerly read the address of the late C. A. Bauer, who was noble grand. While writing this address several weeks ago Mr. Bauer died suddenly. He had been a member of the order for 28 years. The charter was ordered draped for 30 days. Remarks were made by several members. C. H. Boyd presided.

Council to Hear Protests.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Council will hold a special meeting Thursday night at the City Hall to hear protests against the collection of assessments for the widening of Harrison street. This widening has been delayed two years. In the last Council proceedings an award of something more than $1050 was made to the Bonnett heirs and assessments have been made and sent out. Harrison street was improved except about one block, where it was to have been widened, and the warrants have been drawing interest.

"POWERS THAT BE" OF THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE PICTURED IN ANNUAL SESSION AT HOTEL OREGON, YESTERDAY.

Back Row (Left to Right), Joe McGinnity, President, Tacoma; L. A. Wattelet, President, Victoria; Walter McCredie, Manager Portland Coast League; R. R. Brown, President, Vancouver; Frank Redpath, Secretary, Tacoma; Fielder Jones, President Northwestern League—Seated (Left to Right), D. E. Dugdale, President, Seattle; F. C. Farr, President, Spokane, and W. W. McCredie, President Portland Club.