

FISHERMEN PACT TO QUASH SQUABBLE

Coming Legislature Not to Be Confronted With Usual Commercial Fight.

REIGNING LAWS TO HOLD

Salmon Men, Selmers, Gillnetters and All Others Smoke Peace Pipe With Commission-Sportsmen Confer With Board.

For the first time in many a long, long year the Legislature can convene at Salem January 1 with a little hope, at least, of eliminating right at the outset most of the bi-annual wrangle among the commercial fishing interests of the state.

It is the prospect resulting from a meeting yesterday between members of the State Fish and Game Commission and representatives of all the commercial fishing interests of District No. 1, which includes the Columbia River.

By practically unanimous consent it was decided by the fishing interests represented, with the bearing approval of the commission, that no efforts would be made by any faction at the coming session to change existing fishing laws, so far as the Columbia River is concerned.

1915 Fight Strenuous.

At the 1913 session, for instance, upstream men and downstream men, selmers and gillnetters, engaged in trying to put each other out of business. The gillnetters proposed a law to change the open season, which the upper river selmers asserted would keep them from getting any fish.

Another sign of better harmony among the Columbia River fishing interests was their decision yesterday to ask the Legislature to increase the price for commercial fishing licenses by approximately 50 per cent.

Cost Exceeds Licenses.

Commercial license fees this year amounted to approximately \$2,000. The estimated cost of the fisheries next year will be \$2,000 to \$3,000. It is estimated that the increase in fees will take care of this extra cost.

SUIT STARTED FOR OFFICE

H. L. Brown Demands Certificate of Election as County Judge.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—Papers have been filed in local legal firm at the direction of H. L. Brown, successful candidate for the office of County Judge, which, according to a November decree of the Supreme Court, was declared not vacant, to mandamus the Lane County Clerk to issue a certificate of office.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- A. C. Crais, of Juneau, is at the Oregon. Ben Sadler, of Albany, is at the Multnomah. W. R. Burnham, of Monroe, is at the Nortonia. E. D. Miller, of Newberg, is at the Nortonia. Alfred McCully, of Newberg, is at the Carlton. H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, is at the Seward. R. Gray, of The Dalles, is registered at the Eaton. Harry Keller, of San Francisco, is at the Oregon. O. R. Lewis, of Burnham, Va., is at the Cornellius. H. R. Newport, of Harmlston, is at the Perkins. W. H. Currier, of Vancouver, B. C., is at the Perkins. Fred G. Stoner, of Seattle, is registered at the Eaton. Mrs. David De Tere, of Dayton, Or., is at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. C. Vaughn, of Salem, are at the Imperial. Mrs. W. D. Burlington, of Dayton, Or., is at the Carlton. R. J. Borst, of Spokane, is at the Carlton with Mrs. Borst. Mrs. J. F. Reddy, of Medford, is registered at the Oregon. Mrs. George W. Moore, of North Platte, is at the Cornellius. R. G. Nixon is registered at the Cornellius from Cottage Grove. A. C. Talbot, of Grand Forks, N. D., is registered at the Eaton. George W. Peavy, of Corvallis, is registered at the Imperial. A. E. Glader, of White Salmon, Wash., is registered at the Seward. C. Schmidt and Max Pudlich, of Astoria, are at the Multnomah. T. F. Milton, of the Marine Corps, is

registered at the Perkins from Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker, of La Grande, are at the Cornellius. Dr. A. F. W. Davis is registered at the Oregon from Kelsco, Wash. Captain George Steunberger, United States Army, is at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holmes, of Woodburn, are at the Nortonia. Dr. Robert Wakefield, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis., is at the Nortonia. Dr. A. H. Chapman, of Woodland, Wash., is registered at the Eaton. John McCormack, the singer, is registered at the Multnomah, with his party. T. B. Handley, of Tillamook, Representative-elect, is registered at the Seward. H. H. Manley, of San Francisco, Pacific Coast manager for the American Tobacco Company, is at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. Justice, formerly residents of the Grand Ronde Valley, are registered at the Imperial from Walla Walla.

MORE COLD PREDICTED

LATE TODAY MODERATION MAY BE LOOKED FOR, SAYS FORECASTER.

State Game Warden Finley Asks That Birds Be Remembered With Food and Water.

While Acting Weather Forecaster Drake is not certain of the future beyond tomorrow he assures Portland that it will sniver today, though the afternoon and night may be a little warmer.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 25, one degree lower than that of the day before. The minimum was lower than either of the preceding days.

The high-pressure area, which means the zone of cold weather, was expected to move to the southeast and leave Portland out of its territory, but instead it expanded to include more country and Portland still is inside the circle.

From the office of William L. Finley, State Game Warden, comes the suggestion that the people feed the birds. Crumbs from the table will feed a good many of the feathered flock.

While the cold snap is on the birds find it more difficult to supply themselves with food, and water also should be left where they can get it.

Skating is now as good as it ever gets in Portland. Every lake throughout the suburbs has frozen. Columbia Sloughs are the largest and safest places to skate. Some are almost a mile in length, with a surface as smooth as glass. The Vancouver area passes these places. Out near the Oaks the skating also is good.

CITY EMPLOYEES TO DONATE

Presents Usually Made to Bureau Heads Will Go to Charity.

Arrangements are being made in the various bureaus of the city service for the donation by employees of presents usually contributed by employees to funds for the purchase of Christmas presents for heads of departments.

It has been decided that the presents of the divisions of the service to remember superior officers with presents. The employees who have made these contributions have held a series of meetings lately and arranged to gather the usual funds, but to give the money to the bureau heads.

Arrangements to this effect have been made already in the building inspection bureau, and in the health bureau, and in one or two other bureaus.

FRIENDLY SUIT TO DECIDE OFFICE.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—Judge John F. Hall, of the County Court, and James Watson, Judge-elect, submitted to the County Circuit Court briefs or arguments next week setting up their respective claims for the office.

The suit is entirely friendly and will be without action of court, the parties having agreed to go to the County Court, and to John C. Coker, who will preside at the hearing. Both men declare they are not desirous of holding the office if it does not belong to them.

MOVIE OF BELGIAN WAR IS IMPRESSIVE LESSON

Pictures at Hellig Showing Three Battles and Actual Fighting in Trenches Teach Far More Than Reading—Flight of Refugees Pitiful.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

YOU may be neutral and you may have your own ideas about who they are to blame or who is not to blame in the terrible war drama now being enacted in Europe, with all the tremendous powers at one another's throat, tearing their men limb from limb and strewing the battlefield with blood—and feeling that it is a horror none of us can help in the slightest, prepare to learn as little as possible of these horrors. Many folk refuse to read accounts of the war happenings, and others are ignorant of even the geographical locations of the cities concerned or their relation to the opposing parties as strategic points.

MODERN SANTA IS HUNTED

Prospector Wanted for Sales and Gifts Made in Gold Hill.

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—Prospectors, ranchers and deputy sheriffs are hunting for a man who gave his name as "Spike" Williams and described himself as a "roaming son of the virgin forests," but who is said to have taken the train to Gold Hill and bestowed there on new-found friends at Gold Hill.

Williams Schofield started the search when he arrived from Pleasant Hill and identified the burros that had been sold here. A dog taken from the Oden farm was given to Charley Kell as a testimonial.

SCHOOL CENSUS FINISHED

St. Johns Has 1516 Children of Age for Attendance.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—School Clerk T. E. Tanch has just completed the school census of St. Johns, which shows a total of 1516 children of the school age. Of this number 759 are boys and 757 are girls. The Christmas vacation for the grammar and high schools will begin December 20 and continue until January 4.

CLUB WILL HAVE SANTA

Oregon City Organization Plans Big Time Wednesday Night.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—Santa Claus, a Christmas tree and toys of every kind will be in evidence next Wednesday night in the parlors of the Oregon City Commercial Club at the annual Christmas celebration of the club.

THREE BATTLES PICTURED

Three battles are shown—giving pictures of the cities before they were sacked and pictures taken afterward when they are a mass of blackened ruins. The battle of Aerschot, the battle of Alont, and the battle of Marnes are laid out for our studying as we were peering at them through a window. In "Termonde," after its capture, we see civilians and soldiers lying dead in the streets. Nuns and priests, Red Cross nurses and doctors fit through all the depletion, ministering to the wounded, caring for the dead. In the burning of Antwerp we see homeless Belgians digging about for belongings in the ruins of their homes. Little children run through the pictures—an army of them—all pale, sad-faced babies, already staggering under the burden laid on their tender shoulders. The pictures cover a great educational field and show us facts we could never learn from a printed page.

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THREE WOMEN INDICTED

Simpson Girls and Mrs. Faulkner Are Accused of Perjury.

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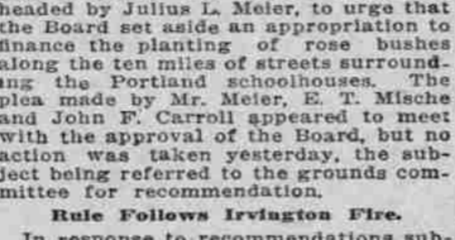
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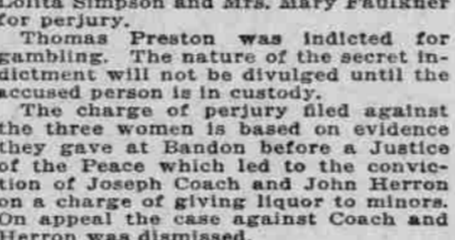
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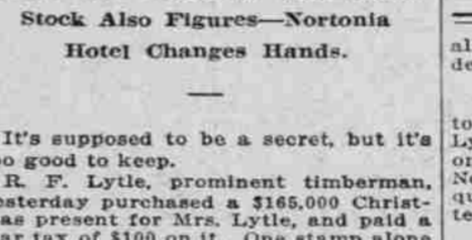
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