

LETTER-WEEK PLANS NEARLY COMPLETE

General Meeting Will Be Held at Chamber Tonight to Arouse Interest.

160 MAYORS ASKED TO AID

Special Train to Carry Correspondence Into East Is Proposed and Governor Withycombe Will Issue Proclamation.

All the plans for the Oregon Letter-Writing week, which is to deluge the East with letters January 15-25 and is expected to attract 225,000 tourists to this state in the coming summer, will be finally considered and everything placed in readiness for the work at a general meeting tonight.

The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock, and there will be either representatives or messages from all of the principal cities of the state. Every city league in the city also will have its delegates. Telegrams were sent to Mayors of 160 cities yesterday asking them to issue a proclamation calling attention to "Letter-Writing week," and urging their citizens to participate. Governor Withycombe will issue a proclamation Saturday.

Interest to Be Stirred Up.

The meeting tonight will be made the occasion of stirring up a great deal of enthusiasm and setting of the project with a "bang" that will keep interest humming from now until the letter-writing week. The Mayor has announced that the police band will be at the meeting tonight, and arrangements have been made to have a parade in the city on the letter-writing contest.

This contest was to bring out model letters to be used in interesting the public in the movement. Five prizes of \$15 each were offered, and the response to the announcement of the contest was a big flood of model letters. The subject of letter-writing week was conceived by J. L. Meier, who has been the chairman of the committee that has been handling the movement. With him on the committee are Frank E. Smith and P. C. Rigg.

The plan in general is this:

Tourists to Be Appealed To. The letters to be sent are to be letters that will appeal to tourists or to people who are contemplating trips into the West this summer, and will attract them to Oregon. No other class of travel but the tourist class is to be appealed to.

A great special train is planned to carry the mail to the East, and it will be a big deal to have this train placarded "Oregon Letter-Writing Week."

A house mail box 20 feet high and 12 feet square will be placed in front of the postoffice, with a run-way leading over it, and into this box at noon each day the people will deposit the letters they have written.

Every streetcar conductor will be made a special mailcarrier, and will be instructed to receive letters for mailing from men and women who are not able to come down to the great central mail box.

Public strongholds will be stationed in prominent windows downtown, so that anyone visiting in the city can, if he desires, dictate and mail a letter to the East.

Y. M. C. A. NOT MILITARY

H. W. STONE SCOTTS AT PLAN TO TRAIN RESERVE.

Idea of "Dinky New York East Side Organization" Not Favored by Portland Official.

"Military training in Young Men's Christian Association, as indicated in dispatches from New York yesterday, is an absurdity," declared H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., yesterday. "The New York East Side branch is a little dinky association of only 300 members and its plan for a 200,000 reserve is likely to be slipped in the bud when presented to some of the larger associations of the country."

The Y. M. C. A. is not a military organization and does not foster military ideas. The associations like Portland, with its 4700 members, and Seattle, with a corps of hundreds of men, are in for military training. In case of war no organization would offer more men for service, but the association itself is taking no steps to provide such a reserve. Portland association, for instance, has often received requests to permit the use of its gymnasium by military organizations and has steadfastly refused.

OSTEOPATHS TO GATHER

Oregon Association to Open Semi-Annual Meeting Friday.

The semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Osteopathic Association will be held at the Hotel Multnomah next Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8. The meeting will be called to order by the president, Dr. H. E. Leonard, and the following papers will be submitted: "Acute and Infectious Diseases," by Dr. A. M. McMichael, of Dallas; "Treatment of Phthisis," by Dr. L. M. Fenn; "Osteopathic Management of a Pregnancy Complicated by Eclampsia," by Dr. J. H. Wilson; and "Treatment of Uterine Complications," by Dr. Agnes M. Brown. On Saturday Dr. Joseph H. Parlier will present "Blood Pressure," followed by Dr. H. P. Blackman, who will speak on "Cerebral Distress."

Dr. Mary Johnson, of McMinnville, will have a paper upon the "Care of Confinement Cases." Dr. H. A. Basher will give "Osteopathic Prophylaxis with Children," and Dr. C. A. Fenn will read the program with a paper upon "Sitting Side Chain Theory."

Dr. H. B. Northrup, M. E. Giles, W. H. Keller and H. L. Barrett will lead the discussion.

"HOUSE BASED UPON WOMAN"

A house is not based upon the ground, but upon woman, is an old-fashioned proverb. To her falls the hard work of the household. They use the sticks, tend the flocks, as well as the spinning wheel, and have the vitality and health to enjoy it. American women should take more care to preserve health and vitality by avoiding nervous run-down conditions, and for this purpose our local druggists, The Great Drug Co., has a most valuable combination of the three oldest known tonics in Vinol. It is a tonic, run-down, overworked, sick, listless, and all other ailments, wherever you live, there is a Vinol drug store. Look for the sign.

JUDGES WORK ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONTEST FOR OREGON LETTER-WEEK.



LEFT TO RIGHT—FRANK E. SMITH, MARK WOODRUFF, JULIUS L. MEIER, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND C. C. COLT, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

FISHING AID IS URGED

Plea for Co-operation Made by Master Warden.

ALLEGED VIOLATORS TRIED

Mr. Kelly Explains to Commercial Operators That Commission Is Friend, Not Foe, and Prosecutions Are for Protection.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A plea for co-operation between the State Fish and Game Commission and the fishermen, for aid instead of opposition, was made today by H. Leighton Kelly, master fish warden, before a large number of local commercial fishermen. The trial of George Brown and Alex. Duthit, charged with violating the Gill net, which prohibits net fishing between the Suspension Bridge and the Falls of the Willamette, was attended by practically every set fisherman in town. After the jury retired Master Warden Kelly made his plea.

"The money for enforcing the fishing laws is taken out of the hatchery fund," he said. "There is no question of the increasing runs of fish in the Columbia River and other streams being due directly to the good work of the hatcheries. The more money required to enforce the laws, the less there is left to operate the hatcheries, thereby curtailing the amount to be spent in hatchery work and reducing the future crop of fish. In this way, the fishermen are working against their own interest when they violate the laws."

"Fishing is one of the greatest industries in the state. We must all work together, both wardens and fishermen."

"The fishing laws," continued Mr. Kelly, "are enacted for the protection and preservation of the fish. The value of the fishing industry in the State of Oregon for 1915 exceeded \$5,000,000. Each licensed fisherman or dealer is in reality a stockholder in this industry. The particular business of the wardens is in protecting the interests of these stockholders. It is the duty of the warden to arrest any violator of the fishing laws, not through any ill will toward the violator, but because the violator has taken an unfair advantage of the other fishermen or dealers in the business."

"It is often considered by the fishermen that the wardens are against them for malicious reasons; whereas, that is not the case at all. We want to work with the fishermen, through their licenses, and it is their business to help the fishermen in every way possible, so long as they are observing the laws. But when one violates the law, then it is the warden's duty to arrest him, as a protection, and in justice to the fishermen who are not violating the law."

The opinion of an expert will be required to determine the species of "varmint," whose skin now decorates the private office of W. L. Finley, State Biologist. The animal was shot for a gray wolf in Logan Valley, southeast of Prairie City, Grant County, recently by H. W. Finley.

The Clerk of Grant County, however, declined to pay the bounty pending inquiry into the proper classification of the beast. The pelt measures nine feet from tip to tip and the colorings and markings are somewhat confusing.

It is said some attributes of a collie dog are noticed in the hair of the animal, while other markings are plainly those of a wolf. It is suspected that the "varmint" may be a cross.

EVELYN NESBIT HELD UP AS EXAMPLE FOR CRITICS

Miss Baer Finds Her Wonderfully Natural and Charming. With Evident and Laudable Ambition to Make Her Own Way by Hard Work.

BY LEONE CARL BAER.

EITHER she is cleverly wonderful or wonderfully clever, and I am inclined to think it is the latter. I wish it were possible for all of the folk who regard Evelyn Nesbit with morbid curiosity or with a freak-like mixture of condemnation and pity to test her socially, to chat over the tea-cups with her in relaxed mood as we were, while her adorable little son, Russell, prattled of Charlie Chaplin. For then you would judge solely on what "they say." The thing that stands out forcibly in Evelyn Nesbit's absolute lack of sham or pretense. Her handshake is fraternal, a strong, boyish clasp, and there is a quality of reserve in her greeting that somehow emphasizes the sincerity of it. She is ready and willing to talk about anything, but most of all likes to discuss her work and her ambitions to be someone on her own recognition.

There are hundreds of girls in Portland who are prettier in point of actual good looks than this girl who has been hailed in headlines stretching clear across the papers as the loveliest girl in America, if not the world and way points.

Fascination Is Felt.

She is undeniably fascinating, her eyes are wide and smiling, of a clear hazel brown, and her complexion is one of those rare creamy olives one sees infrequently. Her hair is worn simply, tucked under at her ears and neck much like the bobbed tresses of her small son, Russell.

Her motto, she says, is "Live and let live." And her big idea is work. "It's the greatest lifesaver in the world," she says. "It has been my salvation. I'm working at something every minute. I read profitably and on all subjects, excepting fiction. I don't care for silly stories and now that I'm making up in reading for a lot, I don't want the best. I haven't time to read trash. And I practice singing every day, and my dancing. I try out new steps in my room before breakfast, and I sing every minute I can. Also I'm studying history of music and history of dramatic art and a lot of things I've missed."

Vocabulary Is Extensive.

Evelyn Nesbit has an amazing vocabulary, which she uses with perfect ease and grace of speech. Where she got it heaven only knows. Possibly, as she says, from reading and applying what she reads. Which makes one smile to remember a lot of women stone-throaters who say "Between you and I." One year ago Evelyn Nesbit never dreamed she could sing, and when Oscar Hammerstein told her she had a voice one day when he overheard her singing she thought he was laughing at her attempts to amuse herself. When she found he meant it seriously she accounted his advice to learn correct breathing. She has had but a few lessons, perhaps 50 in all, and she is studying like a Trojan—if the Trojans studied vocal music. And do you know what her prime impetus is, her big reason for wanting to make good as Evelyn Nesbit on her own merits as a singer and dancer? You know we all have to possess "a big reason" for our ambitions. Evelyn's is wee little Russell, a baby Prince Charming. He adores his "mummy" and is her shadow, living in her dressing-room, never leaving her side until nurse takes him off to bed. "He is a great pal of stage hands wherever his mother is appearing. 'But I don't want to be an actor,' pipes Evelyn's baby boy. 'I want to be a Chaplin Charlie.'"



Evelyn Nesbit, Who Is Dancing at Orpheum This Week.

TRIAL NEARING END

Government Expects to Rest Land Case.

43 CLAIMS ARE INVOLVED

Witnesses Testify as to Making Entry on Land, Said to Have Been Obtained by Fraud.

Funds Advanced for Proving.

Such unexpected progress was made yesterday in the trial before Federal Judge Bean of the Government's suit against the Oregon Timber Company to cancel patents to 42 timber claims near Sumpter, Or., which it alleges were fraudulently obtained, and for an accounting for damages for approximately \$5,000,000 feet of timber declared to have been cut from the land, that Assistant United States Attorney Beckman announced that he probably would rest his case by Thursday.

Thirteen more witnesses testified to having made entry on timber claims, the expenses of locating, filing and proving up having been paid for by them, and to having later transferred the deeds to the late David Eccles, then president of the company, for cash.

In every case except one the consideration was \$1000. H. W. Nibley was the fortunate exception.

Claim Is Sold for \$1400.

He testified that his brother, C. W. Nibley, was an officer of the company. He sold his claim to his brother for \$1400.

Several of the witnesses said they didn't know where the money came from to pay the proving up expenses. That was "attended to" from some mysterious source.

Some testified to having been asked for the deeds later by Grant Geddes, then manager of the company, or Mr. Eccles. Both men are now dead. When the entries turned over the deeds, the cash was paid them.

Frederick H. Atkinson, present manager of the company's mill at Baker, was the last witness called. He testified with apparent reluctance to having made entry on the claims, and to the fact that he sold his claim to Mr. Eccles.

\$400 Advanced by Company.

At the time he was a clerk for Mr. Eccles' railroad, the Sumpter Valley Railway.

The only locating charge was 50 cents, his pro-rata of the expenses of a conveyance in which he and several others were taken into the woods to be located by Mr. Shurtliff, he said. The 50 cents was charged against his salary, he testified.

About \$400 was required for proving up expenses, and the money was advanced him by the Oregon Lumber Company, he said, in return for which he gave his note. Later he received notice that his patent had been approved.

Deed Transferred to Company.

Mr. Eccles, he said, asked him for the deed. When he had transferred it, his note was returned and he received \$100 in cash.

The witness admitted that he knew the Oregon Lumber Company would buy the claim, but insisted that he was not bound to sell it to the company, and that if he had had a better offer from other companies dealing in timber he would have accepted it, provided the Oregon Lumber Company did not meet the offer.

The witnesses examined yesterday included Mike DeLamater, May DeLamater, his wife, Mrs. E. M. Ford, H. W. Nibley, J. M. Leighton, John Olsen (re-called), Ben H. Lewis, Homer M. Gilliam, Pauline Waters, Amelia Smurthwaite, Mary P. Eardley, W. H. Johnson and Frederick H. Atkinson.

BEARS TO GET NEW DENS

Plans for Washington Park Construction Work Completed.

The nine big Washington Park zoo bears are to have new and modern dens, fashioned so that the animals will live much as they do in the woods. The new dens will be a part of the new construction at the zoo in the Spring. Plans have been completed by Park Superintendent Conwill.

There will be three or four pens, each 50 by 75 feet in size and on sloping ground. Each pen will have trees. In the center of the slope a tunnel will be built with rooms at the end furnishing natural shelter for the bears and a place to hibernate in the winter.

WINE DEALERS CONVICTED

Spring Valley Company Managers' Explanation Followed by Fines.

"It was for the window display and was sold by mistake," was the excuse offered by George Shapiro and Joseph Shapiro, managers of the Spring Valley Wine Company, who were arrested



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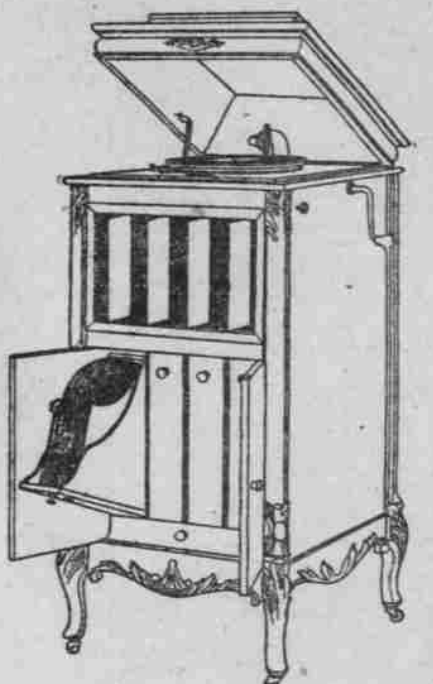
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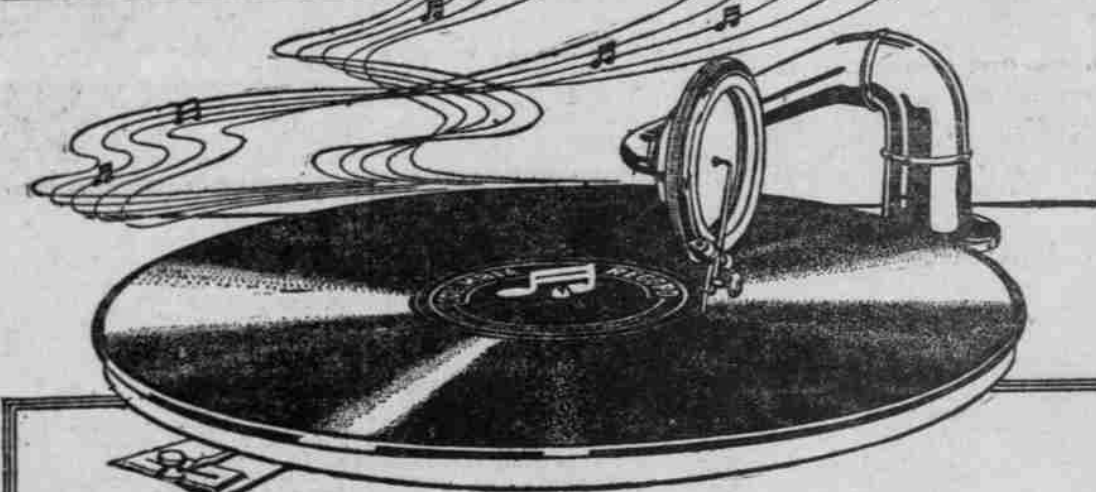
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CASCARETS WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

Factory Proposed at La Grande. LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The La Grande Commercial Club has