

GAME LICENSES IN OREGON DECREASE

Receipts \$21,000 Less This Year Than in 1915, Warden Informs Sportsmen.

CAUSE ASCRIBED TO WAR

State League, at Annual Meeting, Re-elects Dr. E. C. McFarland, of Portland, President—Important Resolutions Adopted.

The fifth annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's League was called to order yesterday by President Dr. Earl C. McFarland at the Imperial Hotel, with representatives present from a majority of the rod and gun clubs in the State.

Many important resolutions were adopted at yesterday's session which have for their purpose the betterment of fish and game conditions in the State.

That the war has decreased interest in fishing and hunting was evidenced from State Game Warden Carl Shoemaker's report of the license money received during the last three years. In 1915 \$111,000 was spent for licenses. The commission received \$96,000 in 1915 from the sale of licenses, while this year only \$90,000 was spent for fishing and hunting permits, a falling off of \$21,000 since 1915.

Salary Decrease Shown.

State Game Warden Shoemaker read his report on the expense of the hatchery fund, which showed the State spent \$29,784 for the propagation of trout in 1917, against \$29,430 in 1916. The salaries of the State Game Warden's force showed a decrease of more than \$12,000 for 1917. The 1916 salary list totaled \$112,222 against \$115,942 for 1917. The expenses of the Game Warden's office for 1916 were \$13,102, while the expenses for 1917 totaled \$10,890, a decrease of \$2,212.

A resolution was adopted recommending that the China pheasant season be closed for two years. The China pheasant shoot of the State Game Warden will be able to enjoy a ten-day shoot each year if a resolution adopted yesterday recommending its discontinuance is acted favorably upon by the next Legislature.

A motion was made by A. B. Weatherford of Albany, on behalf of the Albany Gun Club, recommending a bag limit of five, male or female, China pheasants in seven days. The motion was lost.

Change in Deer Season Urged.

The league decided to recommend that the deer season in district No. 1, which comprises Western Oregon, open September 1 and close October 31.

A resolution recommending that the law covering salmon egg fishing on the Willamette River be amended. The law, as it stands, is repealed, and a new section is added which prohibits the taking of salmon eggs and the league voted to ask the next Legislature to strike out this part of the act and make it uniform throughout the State.

Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, in discussing the condition of the patrol service of his force, said that it was a serious complaint of many deputies in the service at a salary of \$3 a day, which is all the Legislature would allow. The league voted to recommend that the salary be raised to \$5 a day.

A. B. Weatherford, of Albany, made a motion recommending a county administration of game fund collections and expenditures. This would take the matter out of the State Game Warden's hands and each county would be forced to propagate and distribute its own fish and game. The motion did not carry.

Duck Wheat Confiscated.

The work of the Hoover adherents was seen in a resolution adopted that no millable wheat of what grade was to be exported to be used for duck feed. The recent raid on down-river duck preserves by the Hoover administration officials resulted in 31,000 pounds of wheat being confiscated.

Tom Kay, State Treasurer and an enthusiastic sportsman, suggested that the present Fish and Game Commission be divided into two commissions—one for the sportsmen and the other for the commercial end of the fish and game industry. Mr. Kay said that the sportsmen were not interested in commercial fishing and suggested a committee being appointed to look into the feasibility of the proposition of having two commissions.

It was recommended in a resolution adopted that all important changes in the present fish and game laws recommended by clubs must be made by an authorized representative of the club in writing.

Tobacco Fund to be Raised.

A committee of three was appointed to conduct a campaign against the referendum invoked by the commercial fishermen against the net fishing law in the Willamette and Rogue Rivers which was passed at the last Legislature.

A resolution was presented and adopted asking that a committee of three be appointed to report on the finances and expenditures of the State Game Warden's office for the past season.

Every rod and gun club in the state of Oregon will donate money from its treasury toward a tobacco fund for boys in the United States Forestry Division, according to a resolution carried at yesterday's meeting.

Owing to war conditions and the fact that the state game fund is depleted, a resolution was adopted urging all club members to co-operate in every possible way to assist the State Game Warden's office in a strict enforcement of the game laws.

R. P. Clanton, master fish warden, said that the hatcheries turned out 5,000,000 game fish in 1917, including steelheads and trout. Owing to the enlistment of a number of employees of the fish hatcheries Mr. Clanton said he was finding it a hard task to maintain the high efficiency which his staff has always been noted.

The following telegram was received from United States Senator Charles McNary, Washington, D. C.: "Am interested in legislation designed to de-

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OREGON SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE.



Bottom Row, at Left—Dr. E. C. McFarland, of Portland, President (Re-Elected); S. C. Bartram, of Roseburg, Secretary (Re-elected); Back Row, at Left—Dr. J. G. Gill, of Lebanon, Second Vice-President; W. N. Matlock, of Pendleton, First Vice-President.

velop water-powers in the West in interest of public, and would be glad to receive from your society such suggestions as it may have on this subject."

Dr. Earl C. McFarland, Portland, was re-elected president; W. N. Matlock, Pendleton, first vice-president; Dr. J. G. Gill, Lebanon, second vice-president; S. C. Bartram, Roseburg, secretary.

A motion was carried that the recently elected officers be empowered to appoint their own choices for executives of the seven districts in the state.

BILLIARD PRELIMINARIES END

Finals to Begin Tonight, With Warren and Goodland Competing.

Last night marked the finish of the preliminaries in the three-cushion billiard tournament that has been running at the Waldorf billiard parlors for several weeks. Tonight the finals will begin, with Warren and Goodland as the contestants. Warren's handicap is 32 and Goodland's is 26, Goodland being the high man from the second division.

Entries are coming in fast for the city three-cushion billiard championship tournament to be staged immediately upon the completion of the present three-cushion contest.

Among the players who have signed up are Beal, Hicks, Hart, Leonard, Kaiser, Sanders, O'Connor, Goodland, Faine and Crankshank. Any billiard player residing in Portland is eligible to enter in this tournament.

The scores in the preliminary tourney follow:

Table with columns: Name, Handicap, Won, Lost, Score. Lists players like Milo Gordon, George Warren, and others with their respective scores.

TWO MORE TOURNEYS PLANNED

Multnomah Club Has Active Billiard Programme Outlined.

Immediately following the close of the present three-cushion billiard tournament now being played at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club under the supervision of Instructor Selbert,

FULTON KNOCKS OUT FLYNN.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—Fred Fulton, Minneapolis, knocked out "Porky" Flynn, of Boston, here tonight in the second round of a scheduled 12-round fight.

Fulton caught Flynn flush on the jaw with a left hook after two minutes and 18 seconds of the round, and the knockout was clean.

A three-cushion-carom tourney will be played following that and completing the Winter's club programme will be a pocket billiards (pool) tournament.

A special billiard exhibition for the women members of the club will be given in the near future. At present Saturday night is the only time during which women are permitted in the billiard-room, so the exhibition will be held on that day, though the date has not been definitely settled. The exhibition will start at 10 P. M. at the conclusion of the club dance.

Instructor Selbert also is laying plans for an interclub tournament to be held at the close of the present series of tourneys. In this event four clubs will be invited to participate for the championship of the city.

Billiard Shots.

AL HOLDEN says he has just got to win a turkey. H. Schofner will trade a cue for a turkey, if he wins the cue.

P. X. Johnson wants it understood that he will get a prize, if he gets on the pink ball often enough. Jess Platts is now sure of a Christmas dinner, since H. Schofner has entered the contest.

If Jim Reid could play snooker like he shoots bluebrooks there would be nothing to it. Jim Windon hasn't eaten turkey for ten years, but the long-felt want will now be satisfied.

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RUGBY SELECTION SEEMS FAR AWAY

Conferences Between California and Stanford Make but Little Headway.

COMPROMISE IS PROPOSED

Palo Alto Institution Suggests that Bears Adopt Rugby and in Turn Stanford Will Play American Football Also.

The latest attempts of California and Stanford alumni again to bring the two big California institutions together on the football field have met with no pronounced success, due it is said, to California's play the Rugby game, while Stanford, it is said, is willing to play both games.

The negotiations between the two bodies have been secret, but Dick Barrett, president of the Stanford alumni, recently admitted that his association had gone as far as to take the matter up with the athletic representatives of the University of California.

Rugby Crowds Large.

Stanford is willing to play both the American and Rugby style of football and it would be far as to the old graduates to show their hand in support of the one they liked better. This would be an ideal method of finally breaking back into the old game which for years was the "sporting" event of San Francisco. Both institutions have attempted to play "substitute" big game, but the enthusiasm which manifested itself was nothing to compare to that in the olden days.

Rugby adherents to fixtures given out by some of the deponents, has always been popular with the California fans and attracted larger crowds than the American game ever did. Stanford adherents assert there is room for both games.

Richard Barrett, president of the Stanford Alumni Association and member of the athletic board of control, recently gave out the following statement: "Stanford is ready and will be willing at any time to stand for a 50-50 basis and play both games, Rugby and American. As far as the American game is concerned, while the alumni especially like the Rugby game better, we are willing to play the American game at Stanford if they will put in the Rugby game at California, provided that the dates of playing these two games are not unfair to either university."

Stanford Views Given.

"Under the new arrangement at Stanford the scholastic work is divided into four quarters, the first beginning October 1. It would therefore be unfair to us to put an American team in the field until the latter part of the quarter, unless California agrees to begin practice on October 1."

Another member of the Stanford alumni and a member of the athletic board of control, but refused to divulge the names of the California people consulted in the negotiations.

"It is true that informal discussion of resumption of football relations has been going on between Stanford and California for as long as two months," said Cutler. "Unofficially, Stanford expressed a willingness to meet California on the field, but the other words, Stanford was prepared to play California American football provided California would play Stanford Rugby football."

Stanford does not feel that they should ask California to give up their chosen game and, on the other hand, California does not feel that they should ask Stanford to give up Rugby. Stanford, they say, feels more and more that the American game is better adapted to conditions at Stanford. The cardinal institution is not only satisfied with Rugby, but insists on retaining Rugby as its main sport.

Conferences Are Held.

The representatives of both schools have been working zealously for a long time to bring matters to a point where both schools would be ready on the football question. The great popularity of the American style of football in the preliminary negotiations undoubtedly has been instrumental in bringing the Stanford institution to a point where it is willing to play the preliminary negotiations for the resumption of football relations.

Shortstop Baker to Retire to Maryland Farm.

Former Portland Player Believes Yankees Are Due for Uplift Under Miller Huggins.

ACCORDING to Roger Peckinpaugh, a New York American shortstop, Frank Baker will retire to his Maryland farm after the 1918 campaign. The former Portland shortstop believes the Yankees are due for an uplift under Miller Huggins, provided the midwest escapee will accept the challenge.

"I claim no pennants," says Peckinpaugh, "but I believe that if Baker is landed Del Pratt I will be my salary we finish no less than third."

EUGENE'S CLAIM IS DISPUTED

Lebanon High Eleven Points Out That It Has Clear Record.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The claim of the Eugene High School football team to the state championship is rather amusing to the Lebanon High School eleven. Lebanon claims as good a right to the state championship as Eugene and, in addition, claims the Willamette Valley championship over both Eugene and Cottage Grove.

Lebanon has not been defeated this year, and has scored 111 points to 6 points against them. The Lebanon boys have not played either Eugene or Cottage Grove, but have tried to arrange games with both teams. Eugene gave Lebanon two dates—November 24 and December 5, Lebanon accepted each time, but a few days before the game Eugene canceled the contest.

Cottage Grove gave Lebanon a date for November 23, which Lebanon accepted, but this team also canceled the game.

The Lebanon boys say they are still willing to play either team, at any time, either at Lebanon or Eugene, or at Cottage Grove.

Kenton Pitcher Is Married.

Pitcher Leslie C. Gregg, of the Kenton baseball team, was married at 10 o'clock, to Miss Irene Conkey, a Portland girl. Gregg is one of the best semi-pro twirlers in the city. He is also known in other branches of sports, refereeing basketball games last Winter for Christian Brothers and other independent teams. He attended the Christian Brothers Business College in 1916, taking a stenographic course. His home is at 291 Sacramento.

ANDREWS NOTRE DAME HEAD

1918 Pilot Picked by Squad at Football Banquet.

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—At a football banquet given in honor of the Notre Dame football squad Frank Andrews, of Rock Island, was chosen pilot of the 1918 eleven. Andrews played two years as tackle on the varsity eleven, coming to Notre Dame in 1915 as a freshman.

A splendid tribute was paid to Athletic Director Harper, who won much recognition in football circles as a clever leader with new material, the war having claimed many stars eligible for further participation.

M. Stack Pugnacious.

M. "Kid" Stack, the 125-pound auburn-topped fighter who has spent considerable time in San Francisco and Butte over the winter, yesterday was in quest of bouts. Stack has such a long string of victories that his mind falls him when he wishes to recall any particular bout. He is anxious to meet any 125-pounder in Portland.

Hill Cadets Return to Portland.

Thirty-two boys from the Hill Military Academy returned yesterday from Camp Lewis, where they obtained "inside" views of real Army life. The boys left Portland Tuesday. While at Camp Lewis they were addressed by Brigadier-General J. A. Irons, Sunday was spent in Seattle, where the party was entertained by the parents of some of their members.

NEW DRAFT RULE URGED

MAJOR-LEAGUE CLUBS WOULD ADJUST PLAYING STRENGTH.

Plan Is to Let Tail-End Clubs Get First Choice of New Players and Equalize All Teams.

For several years the club owners of the major leagues have clamored for a change in rules governing the drafting of players from minor leagues, in order that the weaker clubs in the big leagues would have some advantage over the stronger ones.

About four years ago Charlie Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Nationals, proposed the system of giving the tail-end clubs in each league first call on minor-league players subject to draft, the two seventh-place clubs second chance, the two sixth-place clubs third chance, and so on until the list was exhausted.

Ebbets' idea was to help the weaker clubs and equalize the playing strength of the league. The National League favored the plan, and at two successive league meetings Ebbets' resolution was adopted. But the American League against it when it came before the National commission, and as Garry Herrmann supported Johnson's views, the resolution failed.

Now almost every team in the two major leagues will be hard hit by the proposed change, some more than others, and some plan will have to be adopted to help the clubs hardest hit.

It is understood Ebbets will present his resolution again when the National League magnates meet in New York and the chances are it will be favorably received.

Squirrel Food.

Here's the 1917 All-American, as selected by J. P. Sinnott, of the New York Evening Mail: Left end—Hoover, food. Left tackle—McAfee, Liberty loan. Fred guard—Daniels, Navy. Center—Wilson, President. Right guard—Baker, Army. Quarterback—Davison, Red Cross. Right halfback—Fiedick, War camp service. Quarterback—Crowder, draft. Left halfback—Sibert, Army. Right halfback—Simmons, Navy. Fullback—Perahing, Army.

If tight spirit wasn't necessary this year would be a bear: Left end—Scott Nearing. Left tackle—King Constantina. Left guard—Victor Berger. Center—Leon Trotsky. Right guard—Nikolai Lenin. Right halfback—Bolshevik. Right end—Abe Sargaman. Quarterback—Bob La Pollette. Left halfback—Shadow Hun. Right halfback—Bolshevik. Fullback—Armitage.

In Germany it is a capital offense to impersonate a German officer. The Washington Star can't figure out how the Crown Prince has got by so far.

Wladek Zbyzsko and Dr. B. F. Roller are as yet undefeated in the great international wrestling tournament now being held in New York. Maybe you'll see the names of some of your friends in the bouts yet to be held: Ed Delvuk vs. Demetrius Tofalos, Tommy Drak vs. Cy Burns, Hillmar Johnson vs. Joe Rodgers, Alexander Thomas vs. Steve Savige, Pierre le Belge vs. John Freyburg, Wladek Zbyzsko vs. Fred Philakoff.

Tom Connolly, dean of the American League staff of unps and one of the ablest arbiters in America, never played a game of baseball in his life. He was almost an adult before he knew there was such a game.

Horse shows have contributed more than \$125,000 to the Red Cross fund. Molla Bjurstedt and Mary Browne will play a series in the Midwinter Carnival at Honolulu in February.

Gay Crusader heads the list of winners on the English turf this year with \$50,825. In a normal year the amount would have exceeded \$100,000.

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4 SCHOOLS TO PLAY

Scholastic Ice Hockey Association to Continue.

PRACTICE TO START SOON

Lincoln, Columbia, Jefferson and Washington Will Enter Teams and Successful Season, as Last Year, Is Expected.

BY FRANK BARTHOLOMEW. Followers of amateur athletics will be glad to know that ice hockey will be played again this winter by local high schools. For a while it seemed doubtful that the game would be played this winter, but it was a financial success last year the schools were much encouraged and have decided to play again.

Arrangements have been made to have Lincoln, Columbia, Jefferson and Washington enter teams in the league. These four played in 1915 and are better prepared to be represented in the sport than the other institutions. If the four "big leaguers" make a success of it, other schools may join the association or form a separate league of their own.

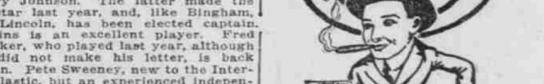
Schedule to Be Arranged. A meeting will be called in a few days at the offices of the Ice Palace, where representatives from each of the four schools will hold a consultation with E. J. Bryant, of the rink, and arrange a schedule, assign nights for practice, and complete arrangements for opening the season. It seems probable that the league will start play shortly after the holiday season.

Lincoln High School, winner of last year's ice hockey championship, appears to be best fortified for the coming season, having five letter men—one of them a 1916 all-star—in the lineup for the coming season. "Crusty" Bingham, all-star player, was elected at the close of the season last year to captain the next team. Russell Knuffman, George Wolff, Ted Barton and Paul Steffen are the experienced players upon whom Lincoln banks its championship hopes for the coming season.

Columbia University, runner-up for the pennant last year, has two letter men back. They are Bill Collins and Terry Johnson. The latter made the all-star last year, and, like Bingham, of Lincoln, has been elected captain. Collins is an excellent player. Fred Walker, who played last year, although he did not make his letter, is back again. Pete Sweeney, new to the interscholastic, but an experienced independent player, also will report.

Washington High has elected George Kennedy as 1917 hockey captain. Kennedy, with George Johnson, who has likewise returned, was a member of last year's team. Washington's other players will have to be developed from

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