

GAME LEGISLATION SESSION FORECAST

Commission Issue Expected to Hold Spotlight.

STATE POLITICS STIRRED

Governor Olcott's Announcement of Contemplated Action May Precipitate Bitter Fight.

In political circles the choice morsel yesterday was the announcement of the governor that he will next, back and baggage, the present members of the state fish and game commission. This announcement was seized with avidity and caused the wisecracks to predict that the special session of the legislature, summoned by the governor for January 12, will be a fish and game legislature more than anything else.

Governor Olcott's statement said that he wants the legislature to split the commission, so that the sheep and the goats will be separated—that the sportsmen will be able to run the wild-life end of the state, and, presumably, the commercial fishing interest, on the one hand, and the sportsmen, on the other. Also, the governor stated that if the legislature fails to make two distinct commissions, the present commissioners will be wiped out after the special session adjourns, and that he has in mind the names of new commissioners.

Remedy Is Suggested.

There are in Portland a number of members of the legislature, and they mulled this announcement over. The suggestion was advanced that one way to relieve the governor of embarrassment regarding the state fish and game commission is for the legislature not only to make two commissions, as the governor indicated, but for the legislature to go a step further and name the members of the commission. The legislature, it is argued, has the power to name in such legislation the members of the commission, just as the legislature names the members of the Port of Portland commission.

There appeared yesterday to be quite a disposition to take from Governor Olcott power of appointing the commissioners, and to give the legislature which he is asking. Of course, the governor could veto such a bill, in which case the situation would be back where it started, and the governor can carry out his threat to remove the present members and appoint a new lot.

One thing is certain; the attitude of the governor on the fish and game commission has stirred up a hornet's nest and the governor is summoning to Salem many legislators who will not be so friendly to him at the special session as they were when the regular session adjourned last winter. Of course, the feeling is not one-sided, and the group of men who have been attacking present members of the state fish and game commission will have friends in the legislature who will attempt to carry the fight to the floor, and these probably endeavor to prevent the legislature from designating by name the personnel of the proposed two new commissions.

Longer Session Likely.

Injecting the fish and game fight into the special session makes it practically certain that the legislature will not be limited to a few days. The row over the fish and game legislation will consume more time, it is believed, than any other subject brought to the attention of the lawmakers.

"I am not the manager for Miles Poindexter in Oregon, reports to the contrary notwithstanding," asserted Walter L. Toose Jr., who was in the city from McMinnville yesterday. "It is true that I have performed some scouting work for Senator Poindexter at the request of Jonathan Bourne, and have traveled over the country, but I am not the manager of the Poindexter campaign in Oregon and don't know anyone who is the manager."

Mr. Toose exhibited a couple of telegrams from the aspirant for the republican presidential nomination requesting him to return east for a conference and reporting that the "situation looks good." The conference, Mr. Toose intimated, will have to be delayed until after the special session of the legislature, owing to Senator Vinton being at Salem.

"From what I can gather," says Seymour Jones, speaker of the house, "there will be no objections raised to James Stewart or Mrs. Alexander Thompson taking their seats at the special session. Mrs. Thompson was moved to Portland and Mrs. Stewart's family is at Corvallis, but from what I hear, no one wants to declare their seats vacant. Joe Richardson, one of the Multnomah delegation, who is deputy state treasurer, probably will resign from that post and occupy his desk with the delegation during the period of the session."

"In the special session of 1918," says Representative E. F. Jones of Lincoln county, "we had a joint conference of caucus of the senate and house before the session opened. Every man who had a measure submitted it to the caucus and the caucus decided whether or not it was of sufficient importance to be considered at the special session. In this manner the programme for the legislature was mapped out and when the session opened everyone knew what was to be done and did it and we cleaned up all the work in a couple of days—a day and a half, to be exact."

Dr. J. W. Morrow, democratic national committeeman for Oregon, leaves tonight for Washington, D. C., to attend the meeting of the national committee on January 8. At that time there will be a great banquet with Bryan and six other democratic possibilities present (except McAdoo), and it will set Dr. Morrow back about six homes to attend. The national committee is to set the time and place for holding the convention. Dr. Morrow is expressing no preference as to place, but he does want the national committee to select Portland as western democratic headquarters.

ONE-ACT PLAYS DELIGHT

Satire on High Cost of Living Given Under Drama League Auspices.

A delightful event was the three one-act plays presented last night at the Little Theater by Miss Nina Louise Greathouse under the auspices of the Drama League.

The first play, "Food," a satire on the high cost of living, was portrayed by Jean Wold as the wife, George Karnopp as the husband and William Robertson food inspector.

This farce was succeeded by "The

Little King" a tragical scene in the life of Louis XVII of France. Creditable acting was done in this play by Marguerite Collins, as the "little king," and Helen Greene, the peasant woman. Claire Wallace as Simon, Worth Caldwell as the loyal friend and Robert the child gave support.

The last play, "Enter the Hero," was highly humorous. The theme, similar to that of "Green Stockings," is the imaginary love affair of a romantic girl. The lead, Mrs. Irving Rippon (Elliore Humason), was bright and attractive. Louise Little the effusive young sister; Stanley Rowby as an unwilling lover and Mrs. Walter Warron a doting mother did excellent work also.

ARMY COLONEL ACCUSED

DETZER WITNESS SAYS TESTIMONY BUIBE WAS OFFERED.

Sergeant Declares Officers Sought to Get Statements Implicating Captain in Cruelty Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Allegations that Colonel Halstead, commander of the American army base in Lemana, France, had offered him freedom with an excellent record if he would testify against Captain Karl W. Detzer.

PORTLAND GIRL WILL BE STAR OF MIDNIGHT FROLIC.



Axax Genevieve Paget, once a Portland star, returns this week as leading lady in vaudeville. She appears with the Gibson sisters at Pantages. Since Miss Paget left local amateur circles, where she appeared at the head of her own class in dancing, she has won fame on the dramatic stage. Incidentally, Miss Paget makes her local engagement a real home-coming, for J. O. Mier, who is Miss Paget's husband in private life, came to Portland this week from Corvallis, where he is in the government employ.

Miss Paget will be among the stars of the midnight circus frolics at Pantages tonight, commencing at 11:30.

charged with cruelty to army prisoners, were made at Detzer's court martial today by Sergeant U. S. Madden, awaiting trial on similar charges. Colonel Halstead, he said, after him sign a statement without advising him as to his constitutional rights.

Sergeant Madden also declared that Captain John M. Weil, assistant judge advocate in the Detzer trial, also testified to him, from punishment if he would make a statement implicating Detzer similar to one made by Sergeant Frank Hoyt, who is alleged to have deserted in France.

Sergeant Madden declared that Detzer only advocated "the use of force against force." He added, however, that Lieutenant L. D. Mahan, second in command to Captain Detzer, had given orders to arouse prisoners from their sleep and also deprive them of food and "keep after them continually" when trying to get information from them.

Captain Detzer will take the stand tomorrow in his own defense.

DEMURRERS DENIED FIVE

TRIAL OF SYNDICALISM CASES OPENS AT VANCOUVER.

Request of Defense to Postpone Action Overruled; Selection of Jurors Is Begun.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The demurrers in the cases of the five men charged with violation of the criminal syndicalism law were overruled today by Judge R. H. Back of the superior court of Clark county.

Three of the prisoners pleaded not guilty and their trials will take place after the trial of Robert McAdams and Leo Brookshier, charged with the same offense. Those pleading not guilty are Thomas Rooney, James Evans and John Gavaughan. Two others, Mike Hennessey and C. W. Morrison, were given until Friday, January 2, 1920, to enter their pleas.

All are being represented by J. F. Emigh, Frank Pierce and George Vandever of Seattle. Emigh will be present at the trials.

The request of the attorneys for the defense to postpone the trials until February 5 was overruled by Judge Back this morning, so the trials were started today by the beginning of the selection of a jury. The following jurors were picked for cause: Mabel Cannon, Alice Henricksen, A. S. Quarnberg, Frank Fagan, W. A. Miller, L. M. Tucker, W. E. Stetcher, Armita Cain and Estella Rice. The jury selected will try Robert McAdams and Leo Brookshier, co-defendants.

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STRENUOUS TASK FACED

Woman With Husband and Family Has No Occupation, According to Regulations.

A woman with a husband and 10 children, more or less, has no occupation. This will undoubtedly be news to her, but it is none the less true, for Uncle Sam himself says so and his census enumerators, 210 of whom will begin their official labors Friday morning, will so record.

"If I were an enumerator, I would break the news gently to the women with a large family, however," said Miss Fern Hobbs, chief clerk in the office of W. D. Bennett, supervisor of the census in the 3d congressional district, which means Multnomah county in explaining the situation to one of the men enumerators who asked the question.

"War is nothing compared to helping take the census," said Miss Hobbs, who spent a year in France, and Supervisor Bennett, busy with a hundred and one details, gave strict instructions. Both are devoting long hours to the work of getting the enumerators ready to take their districts promptly and school is being held every night for the 210 men and women who will have the fields.

Strenuous Task Is Faced.

Taking the census and doing it all in two weeks—the time allotted—is a strenuous task for the office force, for they must follow strict instructions and the enumerators must be trained in their duties, making an immense amount of work for all concerned. A great deal of preliminary effort is necessary, such as mailing blanks to hotels, rooming houses, boarding houses, apartment houses and providing with those slips for the filling in of the names of bona fide residents of Multnomah county.

Blanks for such places have been mailed from the census office and Supervisor Bennett expects these to be filled out by the proprietors and to be ready for enumerators when they call for them, which will probably be Friday morning in most cases. These are among the first to be cleared up, according to the general plan.

With all of the preliminary work out of the way, the census school having been dismissed and Friday having dawned, the enumerators will take to their districts and then it is that some one in every tenanted house in every district in the United States and its possessions will have to reply to all of the questions asked by Uncle Sam, through his agents.

"Uncle Sam needs the help of every loyal citizen in this gigantic task; he is counting on you," is the official attitude of the government on the eve of the big job.

And Uncle Sam, while he will be patient with uncooperative answers to his questions, just as he declares the information obtained by enumerators must be held strictly confidential by them, just as emphatically he says that a penalty will be inflicted where there is resistance to questions asked by the enumerators.

Some of the problems to be met are easily overcome, such as many an enumerator asked at the headquarters yesterday afternoon. Among these is what to do with a house found to be under quarantine.

The health officers will take the census in such cases after an enumerator reports the incident.

Case of Absentees Cited.

"What shall I do in case a family is absent from the city?" was another question frequently asked by enumerators.

In such cases every effort must be made by the enumerator to learn where the family is, if some member of the family is in the city or vicinity, upon receipt of the report of the enumerator for that district, this information will be transferred to another enumerator and the effort to get the information as to the family will be renewed, in some way, before the taking of the census is completed, every lot in the city and every farm on the county must be cared for and reported on, whether it is tenanted or vacant.

Supervisor Bennett is particularly anxious that foreigners shall be prepared to answer the questions asked as to their birthplace, date of birth, time of entrance into this country, etc., for it will be absolutely necessary for them to furnish this information.

It is necessary for all members of the family, including women, to give in years their age, "Legal," as given by many of the fair sex when registering at the courthouse, will not suffice in this case.

WESTERN CORPS TO FORM

General Liggett Is Ordered to Reorganize Army Department.

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ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A meeting of all the appointed census enumerators of Aberdeen, Hoodlum, Comopolis and country districts was held here for consultation with E. N. Livermore of Vancouver, supervisor of this district.

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CODE CHANGE IS OPPOSED

MAYOR AGAINST CONSENT PLAN FOR FLAT BUILDINGS.

Executive Announces He Favors Taking Time to Study Effect of New Amendment to Law.

Opposition to the proposed revision of the building code, proposed by City Commissioner Barbur, making it obligatory for any owner of property to obtain permission of the majority of property owners within 200 feet of his property before permission can be obtained from the city council for the erection of the building, is expected to develop at the meeting of the council this morning.

Mr. Barbur has proposed the revision of the code, to prevent the use of property designated as residential property in the proposed zoning ordinance, until such time as the zoning ordinance can be acted upon by the city council.

Mayor Baker said yesterday that he would oppose passage of the proposed ordinance tomorrow, so that members of the city council might have ample opportunity to study the effect of the ordinance if it is passed by the council.

"There are many angles to the ordinance," said Mayor Baker yesterday, "which require careful study. We have been trying to devise means to encourage the building of apartment houses in Portland and I will favor no legislation which will result in stopping the building of them. However, I realize that owners of homes must be protected, and it is possible that the proposed ordinance will give such protection without seriously interrupting the future construction of apartment houses."

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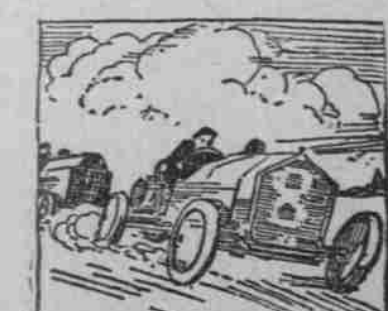
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