

WANTON SLAUGHTER OF SALMON FLOYED

Retiring Commissioner Says Extermination Impends.

PRIVATE INTERESTS RULE

Head of Fish and Game Bureau of Washington Declares Policy Crime Against Mankind.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The unrestricted slaughter of salmon in the waters of Puget sound is a crime against mankind, according to the belief vigorously expressed by Leslie H. Darwin in his final report to Governor Hart. After seven years of service as state fish and game commissioner and the better part of another year as supervisor of fisheries in the reorganized state department of fisheries and game, Mr. Darwin's resignation has been accepted and he quit the office January 1.

In every session of the state legislature since he was appointed state fish commissioner by Governor Lester, in 1914, Mr. Darwin has been an active advocate of measures designed to save the Puget sound salmon run from extinction.

Purse Seizure Defeat Reforms.

His labors were effective in procuring a more stringent regulation of trap fishing, but never was able to offset the influence of the purse seiners, who have maintained a determined attitude against any interference of law or otherwise in their activities.

"Unfortunately," says Darwin in his report, "the idea has been all too prevalent to let those engaged in the industry have the entire purse, concerning it. The people of this state have an interest in perpetuating and maintaining food and shell fisheries, comprehensively which the right of any individual, no matter how great his investment therein, sinks into insignificance."

Policy Crime Against Mankind.

"It seems to me to be a crime against mankind—against those who are here and the generations yet to follow—to let the great salmon runs of the state of Washington be destroyed at the selfish behest of a few individuals, who, in order to enrich themselves, would impoverish the state and destroy a food supply of the people.

The diminution of salmon runs on Puget sound, the report shows, has been in those varieties—sockeye and humpback—over which the state has no control, or only about one-third control. Ninety to 99 per cent of the sockeye entering Puget sound pass into the Fraser river in British Columbia, and only 1 or 2 per cent go up the Skagit river, on a tributary of which there is a government hatchery. It is in this condition that calls for a working agreement between the fisheries authorities of the state of Washington and of Canada, which agreement has thus far been impossible because of the refusal of this state, through its legislature or its newly formed board of fisheries, to restrict or prohibit purse seining, as demanded by the Canadians.

AUTO PIERCES RAILING

Stolen Aberdeen Machine Found at Bottom of Embankment.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A touring car, stolen by unidentified persons late last night from the garage of W. C. Lawrence, 1199 North L street, was driven through the light board railing which encloses the Olympic highway at the incline leading to the newly-built viaduct over the Northern Pacific railroad tracks at the east entrance to Aberdeen. The car tore through about 70 feet of railing, then rolled over the bank and did not stop until it had nearly reached the old Montesano road, 35 feet below the top of the bank.

Who was driving the car, how many persons it contained and what injuries were sustained by the occupants are puzzles which police are attempting to unravel.

VETERANS TO GET RELIEF

Important Opinion Rendered by Attorney-General.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Veterans of the world war are now entitled to relief under the county soldier-relief fund law even though no appropriation for that purpose was made when the county budget was prepared, according to an opinion of the attorney-general to Herman Murray, prosecuting attorney of Pacific county.

The fund has been used in the past to aid veterans of former wars.

NEW INDUSTRIES STARTED

Articles of Incorporation Filed in Washington State.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Articles

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The Magnolia company, Inc., of Seattle, Wash.; \$75,000. Frank Messedat, Walter M. Woodburn, Fred H. Hens.
Helleisen & Christiansen, Inc., Seattle; \$25,000. Henry M. Helleisen, Nicolay Christiansen.
Wain, Mase & Peake, Inc., Spokane; \$50,000. J. W. Wain, E. E. Mase, O. B. Peake, Commission Merchants Fox corporation, Spokane; \$1,000,000. N. H. Dunn, Charles Bergman, W. D. Rambo, Alton Bergman, W. H. Puttock.
Associated Oil company, San Francisco, Cal.; Paul Shoupe, A. C. McLaughlin, P. G. Williams, J. P. Edwards, Henry Crassa, Wenatchee Quincy Orchard, Spokane; \$20,000. J. L. Cooper, F. W. Kiesling, H. H. Klip.
T. L. Myers, Inc., South Bend; \$25,000. Theo. F. Myers, Margaret G. Myers, Lena A. Jordan. Real estate.
Parson Soap company, Seattle; \$50,000. Louis G. Greyflehner, Peter A. McDonald, Wild Hollow Telephone company, Tallahassee; \$500. William F. Harris, James C. Young, Leslie F. Childers.
Wenatchee Commercial company, Wenatchee; \$20,000. Joseph H. Marshall, L. S. McClure.
Wahlukeum Transportation company, Cathlamet, Wash.; \$15,000. John Foster, Harry Foster, Ernest Foster. Steamboat, tourist business.

FARMS ARE PROFITABLE

STELLACOOM HOSPITAL SHOWS SUCCESS IN AGRICULTURE.

Management of Institution Gets Praise From Investigator in Official Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—In a commendatory report on the administration of affairs at the Western Washington hospital for the insane at Stellacoom, Director of Efficiency McArdle points out that a profit of \$80,706.26 was made in the two-year period preceding March 1, 1921, from farming operations. Allowing 75 cents a day for help of patients, a net profit of \$42,185.25 remains, the report says. Favorable comment is made on the management of the poultry division of the farms and the herd of Holstein cattle built up at the institution.

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SPRIT RULES CLACKAMAS

Christmas Prevails and None Is Forgotten by Santa.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Christmas spirit prevailed in Clackamas county. None was forgotten. The Red Cross sent out gifts and the Elks did their share. The Knights of Columbus donated \$100 for charity purposes. Private individuals as well as a newspaper office donated liberally.

The babies of the St. Agnes Baby Home at Parkplace were not forgotten. Three large Christmas trees were prepared and Joe Finn of Portland was the Santa Claus. He was accompanied by Mrs. Riley and Mr. Sinnott of Portland, who assisted in arranging the gifts on the trees.

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WIFE'S TWO MATES FIGHT

WOMAN IS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

Both Men Claim Marriage and Deputy Called to End Row; Legal Husband in Prison.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Hooker this morning arrested Mrs. Elsie Wilkes, alias Burg, alias Levell, on a charge of bigamy, and this afternoon she was turned over to Constable De Long of Salem. Hooker had been called to the home of Charles Wilkes in this city to settle a dispute between Wilkes and Peter Burg over possession of the woman. Burg, who said he resides in Portland, arrived in Dallas Christmas day in search of Mrs. Wilkes, to whom he declared he was married more than a year ago. He located her with Wilkes, who said he married her in Salem last October. The woman has a little girl 9 years old, child of her first husband, John Levell. From information obtained from the child and later substantiated by the woman herself, Levell is now serving a life sentence in a California penitentiary for murder, and Mrs. Levell has never obtained a divorce from him.

Hooker, upon learning of the woman's triple marriage, took the matter up with District Attorney Carson of Salem, who instructed that she be held on the charge of bigamy. The little girl will be turned over to the juvenile court.

Three Autoists Injured.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alex Homchlok suffered a broken wrist, bruises and cuts; her husband's face was lacerated and Stephen Zabrook was badly shaken up when an automobile in which they were driving along the Washkah road overturned about 6:30 o'clock last night. They received medical attention at the Aberdeen general hospital. Their car was badly smashed.

Baskets Given Aberdeen Needy.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Thirty-three baskets filled with food for a Christmas dinner were distributed among needy Aberdeen families yesterday by the Salvation Army. Included in the baskets were butter, sugar, cranberries, celery, coffee, a can of milk, a can of preserved vegetables, canned fruit, bread, meat, potatoes, apples, nuts and mince-meat.

CONVICTS FAIL IN DASH

ONE OF FIVE SLAIN DURING AUBURN, N. Y., BREAK.

Efforts to Carry Away Companion Who Sustained Broken Leg Lead to Recapture.

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five convicts recently found guilty of rioting in the yard of Auburn prison failed in an attempt to escape on Christmas night through their efforts to carry away one of their number, who had broken his leg in flight. This became known today when prison officials announced one criminal had been slain and the others recaptured.

Cutting their way out of the cells the convicts dropped into the outer yard and one was injured. The alarm was spread while he was being taken in a wheelbarrow across the yard, and some of his companions were searching for a ladder with which to scale the outer wall.

The cripple and two others immediately were caught, but the other two were not recaptured until they were discovered this morning, hiding

in a packing box in a private office. A bullet, fired to frighten, killed one, who was crouching in the bottom of the box.

Auto Damaged in Collision.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The automobiles of Jack Scuito and the Twin City Gardens were badly damaged this morning in a collision at the corner of Tower avenue and Magnolia street. The Scuito car was driven by Mrs. Scuito, who had just taken her father to an early morning train. Neither driver was injured. Responsibility for the collision has not been fixed.

Alleged Wife Deserter Jailed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Shortly after he stepped from a Portland train Saturday evening John Ruddock was taken into custody by Constable Luther Easton on a charge of wife desertion. He is held in the county jail under \$500 bonds. The warrant for Ruddock's arrest was issued a few days ago by Justice Charles Hoss on the complaint of Mrs. Ruddock.

French Secretary Quits.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Philippe Berthelot, general secretary of the French foreign office, today tendered his resignation to Premier Briand.

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