

STUDY LAKE RIBDS

Finley and Bohlman Back From Long Trip.

FIND MANY SPECIES RARE

Ornithologists Sound Warning for Better Protection After Journey of 1000 Miles Through Southern Part of State.

After spending two months in the lake region of southeastern Oregon investigating conditions and studying bird and animal life in that locality, Herman T. Bohlman and William L. Finley returned to Portland last night. These two ornithologists have been working in the interests of the Audubon Society, whose purposes are to protect and to preserve the wild birds and animals in this state.

Mr. Finley and Mr. Bohlman made the trip south from The Dalles in Mr. Bohlman's White steamer, which had been remodeled and equipped with a complete camping outfit. They carried their camera equipment and exposed 50 frozen plates on various phases of wild bird and animal life, traveled 1600 miles through Grant, Wheeler and Lake counties, besides cruising many miles on the lakes in a canvas boat.

Trip Full of Hardships.

"Our trip was full of hardships, especially while we were on the lakes," said Mr. Finley last night; "but we secured some valuable notes on bird and animal life, and secured many photographs. We are more than ever satisfied in our belief that efforts must be made immediately to preserve some of the wild resources of this state. Today less than 2000 antelope in our state. Their destruction has been rapid. The antelope is an animal well supplied by Nature, but he cannot hold his own against the invasion of new settlers. In a few years the last of the herd will be gone and the antelope Oregon will be extinct. The mountain sheep, also, is practically extinct in Oregon. I know of a small band still found in the Stein Mountains in the southern part of Harney County, but its numbers only five ewes and three rams.

"Among the native wild birds, the snowy heron has suffered most. It is practically extinct in this state because for years it has been sought by the plume hunter. The only two colonies in the state we have known of were in Klamath County and Lake Malheur. Both of these were annihilated years ago. For over a month we cruised Malheur Lake in a small boat hunting for the remains of thousands of these snow-white birds. In all that time we saw only two snowy herons. I doubt if over two dozen of these birds are to be found in the state, while in the '60s one of the plume hunters made over \$1200 in a day and a half shooting up the colony.

Sage Grouse Now Scarce.

"From the sportsman's standpoint, the sage grouse or sage hen is a good game bird, but their numbers are falling off rapidly. They can never hold their own like the Chinese pheasant or even the quail or the sooty or blue grouse.

"We found several new and interesting birds that we had not met in our previous work. The bobolink, for instance, is a common resident of Harney County and sings as sweetly as in a New England meadow. The cowbird and Eastern Kingbird we found all through that section of the state. We also found a colony of white-faced glossy ibis breeding on Lake Malheur. This is a rare bird for our state and the colony we found is the only one we know of in Oregon.

"On the whole Malheur Lake is the greatest feeding and breeding ground for water fowl on the Pacific Coast. I doubt if its equal exists anywhere in the United States. It should be set aside as a wild bird preserve."

AMERICANS ARE WINNERS

(Continued from First Page.) men scored 73, while Eastman got 71. This splendid showing gave the Americans a total for this range of 430 out of a possible 450. The visitors were greatly satisfied with this score. The continental competitors on the team were away behind.

The American team increased its lead still further at the 900-yard range, scoring 465 for this distance, while England made but 359 and Canada 355. American Women Attend.

Many American women journeyed down to Binsley to cheer their countrymen. The calmest and most confident of the American is a matter of general remark. Captain Casey, of Delaware, did not do so well at the 900-yard range, finishing with 67. Widner, however, kept up his good shooting, and scored 72. The other individual totals were:

Martin, 71; Luessner and Eastman, 67; Benedick, 61. The total for the range, 465, was a pretty serious falling off. The lapse was general among all teams, and less marked in the case of the Americans than any other. Luessner's low score at this range lost him the distinction of getting the best individual scores, which he had held throughout the contest. He was succeeded, however, by another American, Martin, whose aggregate of 361 put him one point in front of the Canadian, Sergeant Smith. The aggregates of the remaining teams at the end of this range were: France, 1966; Sweden, 1944; Norway, 1896; Greece, 1721, and Denmark, 1689.

Crown Prince Praises.

The team firing at the last range, 1000 yards, opened under favorable auspices. The American and British teams each had around them a large crowd of admirers and interested spectators. The Crown Prince of Sweden watched the work of Swedish marksmen for awhile and then, while general firing was being paid by the Swedish Minister and Lord Chaylesmore, president of the National Rifle Association, took up a position behind the chair of General Drain, the leader of the American team. From this point he followed with obvious interest the fortunes of Casey and Widner, the only two Americans who were then shooting. They were both steadily hitting the bulls-eye, while the British team, their nearest competitor, was losing ground.

Widner and Casey finished with 60 each, as against the score of 55 and 57 made by the first two English marksmen at the finish. Immediately the American victory was announced, the Swedish Crown Prince shook General Drain's hand heartily and congratulated him upon the work of the team. The scores of the other competitors were as follows:

France, 2217; Sweden, 2213; Norway, 2192; Greece, 1896; Denmark, 1689.

The British team finished before the American. The last man to fire at the American target was Benedick, who made the lowest aggregate for the team, 467. The other individual aggregates for the team were Martin and Luessner, with 439 each, constituting the highest individual score of the match; Widner, with 429. Casey with 423 and Eastman with 421.

According to shooting etiquette, the honor of the highest individual score goes to W. E. Luessner, of New York, who scored a greater number of points up to the longest distance than Major W. B. Martin, of New Jersey, who tied over 2000 yards range.

The official announcement of the 300 yards individual match shoot yesterday gives the gold medal to Helger, of Norway, who scored 504; the silver medal to Lieutenant Semson, of Ohio, with 486, and the bronze medal to Sather, of Norway, with 579.

The protest of Gorman, American, against a miss with which he was credited in the individual revolver contest has been disallowed. The gold, silver and bronze medals in this contest were today officially awarded respectively as follows:

Van Aebroek, Belgium, with 60; Storma, Belgium, with 47; and Gorman, American, with 45.

Another Great Victory.

In the team revolver competition, which occupied most of the day, the Americans scored another fine victory. They defeated the teams composed of four men each, of the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Belgium, Holland and Greece. The American revolver team was composed of Gorman, Axell, Collins and Dietz. With a grand individual aggregate of 501, Gorman had the satisfaction of beating the Belgian Van Aebroek, Van Aebroek was the winner in yesterday's individual competition, but today he was able to pile up only 452. The individual competition scores of the other American revolver team were: Collins, 473; Dietz, 472; Axell, 468.

The aggregate team scores were: American, 1944; Belgium, 1816, and England, 1816.

Fly in Ointment.

Dr. R. H. Sayre, captain of the American revolver team, declared that the team was delighted with its success today, but he expressed disappointment at the decision of the judges with regard to Gorman's shot in the individual competition.

As a consequence of the dispute that arose over the miss score against Gorman yesterday in this contest, the American and Belgium revolver teams are endeavoring to fix up a pistol match to be shot at Brussels.

Nevada Town Is Burned

SCHURZ, RAWHIDE STAGE-LINE TERMINUS, WIPE OUT.

Expensive Buildings Erected in New Sagebrush City at Mercy of Flames.

RENO, Nev., July 11.—(Special.)—The town of Schurz, on the Southern Pacific east of Reno, and the junction where the Rawhide automobile stageliner meet the railroad, has been completely destroyed by fire. Only a few expensive buildings stood on the townsite, which has made its growth since the Rawhide boom, yet the loss on these few structures was \$200,000.

The fire started in the new annex of the Riverside Hotel, owned by D. V. Snowgoose, a prominent mining man who resided at Schurz. The fire spread to the floor by one of the guests. There are no fire-fighting facilities in the little town and the whole business center burned within a period of three hours, notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of bucket brigades handled by all the citizens of the town.

The Riverside Hotel was only recently completed.

Can Get Title in Two Year.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 11.—The Secretary of the Interior today issued an order permitting settlers on the Minidoka irrigation tract in Idaho to pay building charges, amounting to \$2 per acre in from one to ten years installments. The previous order would not permit full payment inside five years. Failure to get title was delaying the levying of taxes and impeding.

Where Landlords Come Out Ahead

In Kansas City, Mo., They Demand Rent in Advance, and Blacklist Nonpayers.

FULLY half the people in Kansas City do not own their own homes and come under the class known as "renters" or "boarders," so that the problem of furnishing homes for the 300,000 people is one with which the real estate and rental dealer grapples every day. There are nearly 80 firms in this city which make a specialty of renting houses and collecting the rents each month, while 3000 others rent houses, either in furnished or unfurnished, and special laws have been passed by the Legislature for the protection of the landlord.

In many cities the real estate dealers and rental agents have what is known as the "black list," in which is printed the name of every person in the city who has failed to pay rent in a specified time and is known as a "dead beat," but in Kansas City the rental agents do not resort to this method. Each rental agent keeps a "black list" of his own, and if there is any question as to the ability or willingness of the tenant to pay, his name is made in the list. It is almost impossible to find a home at all. It is for this reason that most persons who own houses which they desire to rent place them in the care of the rental agent. It is then his business not only to rent the house to a desirable tenant, but to see that the rent is collected. Real estate dealers and rental agents in Kansas City in times past used to publish a list of delinquents as furnished by the members of the association, but this is now deemed unnecessary. It is the universal custom of the agent now depends upon communication by telephone to several dealers as to the desirability of the prospective tenant. Should a man approach a dealer to rent a house which is on his list, he is at once asked the question where he lived before and from what agent he rented.

The agent is then interviewed, and if the tenant has been prompt in payment, he has no trouble in renting. Should the tenant give the name of the rental agent from whom he was formerly rented, the dealer becomes suspicious and further inquiry as to his position, habits, etc., is made. It is almost impossible for that class of citizens known as "dead beats" to obtain shelter for themselves and families. Sickness, loss of position or other causes which result in delinquency in the payment of rents are accepted and in nearly all cases the time is extended where the tenant shows an inclination to pay.

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CARRIES RECORD CARGO

Warwick Clears From Hoquiam With 3,290,000 Feet of Lumber.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—The British tramp steamer Wimbledon, which cleared from this port some three weeks ago for Hoquiam carrying 3,290,590 feet of lumber, was called as having taken the banner cargo from Gray's Harbor, but her record was considerably better today when her sister ship, the Earl of Carrick, cleared for Sydney via Comox, carrying 3,390,000 feet and drawing over 27 feet of water. The latter experienced no difficulty in crossing the bar.

Seattle Firm Gets Contract.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 11.—The fight waged for months between Frank Waterhouse & Co. and Johnson & Ostrander for control of flour shipments to the Orient suddenly took a turn in favor of the former concern this morning, when Waterhouse was advised by telegraph from the office of the Secretary of War that his bid for carrying Quartermaster's supplies to the Philippines from Seattle had been accepted. In some respects Waterhouse was a high bidder, having put in an offer to carry flour for \$4 a ton and lumber for \$10 a thousand feet as against \$3.94 for flour and \$3.94 for lumber by Johnson & Ostrander. The latter concern also claims its bid for transporting horses and mules was \$5 per head lower than that of Waterhouse. As a result of the award Waterhouse & Co. secured a contract involving \$200,000 per year.

Arrested for Striking Widow.

Morris Nudelman, 43 years old, living with his wife, at 269 Fourth street, was arrested last night on a warrant issued by Judge Van Zante, charging him with assault and battery. The complainant is Mrs. Sophie Ankelis, a middle-aged widow and a neighbor of Nudelman's. She alleges that Nudelman, who is considered eccentric, so far lost control of himself as to strike her during a neighborhood misunderstanding. Nudelman was released on bail, and will receive a hearing before Judge Van Zante Monday morning.

HIGH-CLASS UPHOLSTERY WORK AT MOST REASONABLE PRICES—PHONE EX. 34. CLOSING OUT ALL SUMMER FURNITURE IN THE LINEN FIBER. Tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday we place on sale and at greatly reduced prices every piece of this artistic and durable outdoor furniture. "Linen Fiber" is very novel in appearance and possesses many advantages over any other furniture for like purpose. It is made from hemp fiber, twisted into cords and braided into strands, making it very strong and durable. The designs shown in these pieces are entirely different from the ordinary styles so common in out-door furniture, and the various finishes are both appropriate and artistic. See window display. Prompt and careful attention will be given to mail orders and out-of-town inquiries.

SHOWING NEW PATTERNS IN THE HODGE'S SANITARY FIBER FLOOR COVERINGS. As ideal and economical floor-coverings no carpets and rugs are so popular today as the celebrated Hodges Fiber. They are distinctive in weave, design and coloring, and present a more artistic and pleasing effect when laid than do many high-grade carpets and rugs. For sleeping-rooms and nurseries the Hofi (Hodge's Fiber) are unexcelled, being odorless and perfectly hygienic. The "Hofi" brand is the original of the fiber carpet industry, and is imitated by numerous other makes. The new patterns are now displayed in the Carpet Department. Three grades in "Hofi," priced as follows, including sewing, laying and lining—50c per yard, 60c per yard and 75c per yard.

SPECIAL SALE OF HAMMOCKS. The season being so far advanced as to necessitate reduction in reasonable stocks, we place on sale tomorrow and Tuesday, and at attractive special prices, our entire line of Hammocks. In these are offered a variety of patterns and a wide range of prices for selection.

SALE OF LAWN MOWERS. Our remaining stock of the machines are also offered in a two-days' sale at much less than regular values—commencing tomorrow—in the Basement Section. Tip-Top Mowers; 14-inch size; a good, serviceable machine, reg. \$3.50, special \$2.85. Tip-Top Mowers; 16-inch size; regular price \$4.00, special \$3.10. Wizard Mowers; 16-inch; ball-bearing; adjustable throughout; reg. \$6.50, sp'l \$4.90. Highland Mowers; 16-inch size; a high-grade machine; regular price \$11.50, sp'l \$7.35.

KITCHEN CUPBOARD SPECIAL \$6.90. A well constructed kitchen piece that sells regularly for \$13.00. Made of popular in dark golden finish, having ornamental top panel and paneled sides. Upper compartment has two glass doors and two shelves. Lower compartment has two paneled doors. Two drawers between compartments. An exceptional bargain at the above special Monday and Tuesday.

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PORCH BLINDS. Protect your porch or balcony and enjoy their freedom by the use of effective porch blinds. We have the most durable, the most artistic, in the following sizes: 4 feet by 8 feet, price \$3.00. 6 feet by 8 feet, price \$4.50. 8 feet by 8 feet, price \$6.00.

WINDOW SHADES. Three sizes in oil opaque Shades at special prices tomorrow and Tuesday. Complete with nickel ring pulls—delivered only. 75c Shades, 3 ft. wide, 6 1/2 ft. long; each \$5.00. 1.25 Shades, 3 ft. 9 in. wide, 6 1/2 ft. long; each \$7.50. 1.65 Shades, 4 ft. wide, 6 1/2 ft. long; each \$9.00.

TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS. Mechanical Music. Chicago Widows Lose to Chehalis. CHEHALIS, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—Last evening at 6:30 the Chehalis ball team played a burlesque game of ball at Millot Field with the Merry Widows Club from Chicago. The score was 9 to 3 in favor of the local and might just as well have been 90 to 0.

WHIRLING SKATE CRAZE. You May Soon Be Waited on by a Shopper on Rollers. New York Sun. "I thought I had already seen skates put to every possible use," said a woman who has been visiting in Washington, D. C., "but the other day I came across them serving in an entirely new capacity. I went into a department store and made my way to a certain counter, where I inquired for a particular kind of lace. Before I got the words out of my mouth the salesgirl had glided about 10 feet down the counter, picked up a piece of lace and swooped back into position opposite me. "Well, the lace was what I wanted, but you can believe I didn't say so. I asked for something else, and to my intense joy it proved to be something at the other end of the counter. Off glided the girl and I tagged excitedly along in the aisle. "Of course that gave me a chance to see how she did it. She didn't strike out boldly, as if she had a whole rink to swing in. But with almost no effort at all she could roll along for eight or ten feet at a roll. Apparently her skates had rubber wheels, for she made no noise at all. "When we got to the end of the counter of course I said that what she had first showed me would do after all, and we skated back to our first stop. At least she did, and when I saw how easy it was I more than half decided to do my shopping on skates the next time. "I didn't, though, and that is the only