ERIL OF FOREST S CONSIDERED

Oregon Protective Association Points to Power of Co-operation.

STATE SHOULD BE ACTIVE

Lessons of 1910 Indicate Need of Amendments to Present Law to Make It Effective and Funds Are Necessary.

At its first regular meeting since the fire season, the Oregon Forest Fire Association yesterday discussed the lessons of 1910 and steps for approaching the danger months of 1911 with the fullest co-operation for fire prevention by all agencies interested in protecting the forests of Oregon.

This association, of which George L. McPherson is president, is an alliance of all fire patrols maintained by Oregon, timber owners.

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privately in the state, and more than privately in the state, and more than \$100,000 was spent in protective work. It was decided that during the months intervening before the fire season of 1911 arrives, a canvass will be made of all timber owners in the state to induce still more liberal support of fire work, individually and co-operatively.

A committee to organize these methods and report to the association on January 4 was appointed, consisting of G. L. McPherson, Wells Glibert, E. L. Marvin, E. T. Allen and C. P. Sprague.

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It was strongly emphasized by all speakers that while the timber owner should do his fair share of protecting the forests, and reluctant owners should be induced to co-operate with those already contributing liberally, success in safe-guarding the immense forest resources of Oregon requires far more activity by the state liself. While all other forest states in the West appropriate many thousands of dollars annually for safeguarding the lives and property of their citizens from fire. Oregon maintains no state system whatever, either for fire work or enforcing the fire laws beyond appropriating E50 a year toward postage for voluntary work.

President McPherson also expressed the fesire that the Oregon Forest Fire Assontation arrange for closer co-operation with the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, which embraces all forest protection organizations in the five teast states from Montana to California and which maintains the office of its forester, E. T. Allen, in Portland.

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It is not proposed to replace the present state law by a new one, but to add such provisions to the present framework as are necessary to give it life and efficiency. The act now in force, passed in 1807, created a State Board of Forestry resupceed of state officials and representations of humberwen's and forest protec-

in 1907, created a State Board of Forestry composed of state officials and representatives of lumbermen's and forest protective sesociations, the Federal Forest Service, and the State School of Forestry. This Board, being given no funds but 2500 a year for postage, had little active function except to give the power of police officers to voluntary fire wardens and to recommend to the Legislature a more permanent and perfect state system.

The voluntary fire wardens so appointed were given authority to keue or refuse burning permits to these desiring to use fire during the dry season, and burning without such permit was made a misdemeanor. The prohibitive laws against careless or willful negligence with fire were generally strengthened. This is about all the act provided. In other words, it gave the state fairly good fire laws without any provision for enforcing them or for taking any other steps to

The board will be authorized to employ a competent practical state forester to execute the laws and develop a systematic policy, for no more than in any other line of state effort will the work proceed of itself. He will be particularly charged with educating lumbermen and public alike to the need of protecting Oregon's forest resources. He will be provided with reasonable facilities for enforcing the firs laws against careless railroad companies, leggers, campers and others. One of the great causes of forest destruction is that fire laws are not accorded the respect entitled to other laws on the statute books. Under the present system of having no fire wardens except those employed by timber owners it cannot be expected that much can be done in the way of prosecuting the prevalent criminal carelessness.

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Sufficient funds will be asked for to enable the State Forester to carry on the patrol and fire-fighting in danger-ous times and localities which are dea-manded by public safety. The proposed law also encourages still further ef-fort by timber-owners and in no way proposes to relieve them of their fair proposes to relieve them of their fair share of the expense, but it recognizes that public welfare cannot be left to depend upon the effort of those who have only their own interest to consider.

sufferers are settlers and villagers, often in regions where timber interests often in regions where timper interests
do not warrant adequate private protection. Consequently, provision must
be made for action by the state where
this alone will adequately protect its
citizens. Where such service is rendered by the state the county involved
will bear a fair share of the expense.

Other States Approve System.

All of the new provisions proposed are in effect in other forest states, where they have been given full trial and receive hearty public support. Oregon is to be asked not to experiment or to assume unusual paternal burdens, but not to be a progressive in furest but only to be as progressive in furest legislation as its neighbors.

Dregon is now the only state in the West which has not taken these steps and, especially in view of the fact that the others propose still more liberal action as a result of the had fires of 1919, will, it is held, suffer great dissivantage in the eyes of the country at large if having the greatest forest resources of any, it still remains newligent. mains negligent.

Siuslaw Work May Cost \$165,000. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The Senate

has passed the Bourne Senate joint resolution, amending the act for the improvement of the Slusiaw River, so that the Secretary of War may contract for the work and material necessary to complete the project, and maintain the same during the time of construction, not exceeding \$185,000. It is provided further that the Port of Slusiaw shall provide \$215,000 for work before the contracts are let by the Secretary of War, and that the Port of Slusiaw may proceed with the construction of the south jetty, in accordance with the contract with Robert Wakefield, and the amount to be furnished by the Port of Slusiaw may be reduced by the amount expended under this contract, not exceeding \$100,000.

ESKIMO HISTORIAN LOST

J. W. Kelley May Have Perished When Ice Crushed Schooner.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 .- The trading schooner Louise, which was crushed in the ice of Bering Strait, and pieces of which were found near Cape Prince of Wales, the most westerly point of North America, salled from Nome for Siberia on a trading expedition. Captain Harry Owens, commander and owner of the boat, had been running tain Harry Owens, commander and owner of the boat, had been running small vessels in the far North for a number of years and was familiar with ice navigation. John W. Relley, one of the passengers, had been trading with the Siberian natives for 25 years, and Mount Kelley, a noted landmark near Anadyr, was named for him. It is likely that all the four men were drowned. In the Winter, Bering Strait is not frozen over, but ice drifts south from the Arctic, filling the passage, and always moving. Eskimos make their way from Siberia to the Diomed Islands and it is possible, but not probable, that the Louise's men may have reached the islands over the Ice.

Kelley, during his long residence among the Eskimos of Bering Strait had made a study of the strange people and had compiled a dictionary of their language. Each of the 50 tribes or clans speaks a different dialect. Kelley had also written out the legends of the tribes, which all go back to the time of the recession of the glaciers and a great flood. The legends tell of the time when the mastodon and other extinct mammals roamed the earth. Kelley had just got his material in shape for publication. Hs is said to have been the best authority on the Bering Strait Eskimos.

10 SKYMEN TO TAKE PART

Los Angeles Gets Ready for Aviation Tournament.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Ten aviators have signed for the flying events which begin at Domineguez Junction next Saturday and two Wright aeroplanes, which were stored in the city pending the outcome of negotiations for the ten-day meet, were taken to the aviation field today. Hubert Latham's "Antoinete monoplane" also was taken to the field.

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One of the events of the coming midWinter meet will be exhibitions of man-carrying kites, which will be flown by Samuel Perkins, who was the companion of Lieutenant Gericke, in the German balloon Dusseldorf in the flight from St. Louis to Lake Kiskisink. Canada, several months ago. Perkins has an altitude record of 350 feet, made with one of his kites.

The ten aviators, whose names have been affixed to contracts are Glenn Curtiss, Arch Hoxsey, Walter Brookins, J. C. Mara, Charles Willard, James Radley, of England, who files a Bieriot, Hubert Latham, Tom Scheyver, James Ely, and Captain James Baldwin.

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The aviation committee has decided to post one of the largest prizes for the aeroplane that can show it has been in the air the longest during the entire meet.

DR. WHITE ASKED TO AID

State Board of Health Considers Water Problem of Bend, Or.

Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, received a com-munication from Bend. Or., yesterday, asking that semething be done in regard to the pure water problem which is extens to the varieties of the territory. words, it gave the state fairly good fire laws without any provision for enforcing them or for taking any other steps to protect life or property.

Essential Changes Stated.

The amendments to be presented to the cesning Legislature will still forther improve the sections dealing with the use of fire and also give the Beard facilities for actually doing something to make them effective. The essential changes are as follows:

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ARMY HORSES ARE NEEDED

War Department to Co-operate With Farmers in Breeding Good Stock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Co-operation between the Government and the farmers of the country in the breeding and raising of horses suitable for cavalry and artillery branches of the military service was asked for today by Quarter-master-General James B. Aleshire, of the Army, and officials of the Department of Agriculture before the House committee on serioulture.

Agriculture occors the House committee on agriculture.

It is proposed to establish a system whereby the Government shall co-operate with individual farmers toward breeding horses of a definite standard. General Aleshire said that the decilne of the anddie and raceborse industry has had great effect in creating a scarcity of the lighter Army horses. The Government is unable to secure 200 horses of the re-quired standard.

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CARD OF THANKS.

PORTLAND, Or. Dec. 10, 1910.—To Columbia. No. 2, Foresters of America: I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to this order, which has so generously and kindly helped us through Mr. Benner's sickness and death; for financial aid rendered me; also for the kind treatment of the nurses that were furnished by the court, and the floral pieces sent me by the members.

Most respectfully.

MRS. EFFIE E. BENNER.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during our late hereavement caused by the death of our daugnter and sister, and for the many heautiful floral offerings and letters of MR AND FAMILY.

Attempt Made to Overcome Fight Against Cliff Inn.

83 FOR, 102 OPPOSE IT

L. S. Gillette, Chief in Crusade, Calls Linton Road Place "Dive." Case to Be Decided Tomorrow. Roadhouse Law Weak.

Efforts are being made to obtain withdrawal of the remonstrance against granting of a license to the Cliff Inn. on the Linnton road. The case will come up for consideration tomorrow morning. Both factions are well represented by signatures, although Rath & Sandys, owners of the Inn, are in the minority, there being 102 signers on the remonstrance and only \$3 on the petition for renewal of the resort's liquor license.

L. S. Gillette and L. M. Mills are the chief sponsors for the fight against the place. They contend that it is notorious.

torious.

"We are fighting this roadhouse." said Mr. Gillette, "because it is a nuisance. It is dangerous to the peace and the dignity of our section. It is a fact that the hearing has been adjourned from time to time before the County Court. I believe that the dive ought to be wiped out. It is of no value to the citizens of Portland to have a line of joy riders going out and making the night hideous with their drunken yells and ribaid songs."

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The first hearing of the petition was held two weeks ago, when it was postponed by request of the attorney for Rath & Sandys. A week ago the petition came up again and a further continuance was asked. Final disposition of the case will be made Monday.

The district surrounding the Cliff Inn cast 127 votes at the last election and of that number 102 voters have signed a remonstrance. Under the law a qualified voter or any person who has

a remonstrance. Under the law a qualified voter or any person who has resided in the precinct six months may sign a remonstrance by declaring his intention in an affidavit. Rath & Sandys have filed several names where persons take affidavit of their intention to live in the district. o live in the district.

Court cannot retuse to grant a petition if the petition bears a majority of the signers. Then, again, after once granting a petition it cannot revoke it.

Citizens in the neighborhood of the Inn called upon the Home Rule Association to aid them but efforts of an ineffectual character were used.



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One-Fourth Reduction on All Toys

The response to last week's announcement was sufficient to demonstrate the interest taken in this event by buyers of toy gifts; and although the selling was remarkable, still the assortment which has surprised all who have visited Toyland this season, is still intact. Anticipating greater selling during the next six days prompts us to advise early

buying-while the assortment is best. It would be impossible to list here one-tenth of the wonderful variety

here. So these few as reminders.

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\$2.00 Wagons at \$1.59. \$2.50 Wagons at \$1.98, \$2.25 Wagons at \$1.65.

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\$2.75 Rubber-Tire Sulkies at \$1.98. \$5.00 Pullman Handcars at \$3.40.

\$6.00 Columbia Handcars at \$4.00. \$8.50 Combination Wagons at Bisque Dolls worth \$4.50. \$5.40.

\$5.25. DOLLS-And There's Wonderful Bisque Dolls worth \$10.00. Assortment Here

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\$1.50 for 17-inch Kid Dolls worth \$2,00.

worth \$1.25. \$4.50 for 22-inch Kid Dolls \$3.00. worth \$6.00.

\$7.85 for 26-inch Kid Dolls \$2.50 worth \$10.50. \$9.55 for 31-inch Kid Dolls worth \$12.75.

\$2.25 for 13-inch Kestner Bisque Dolls worth \$3.00. \$2.82 for 15-inch Kestner

Bisque Dolls worth \$3.75. \$3.38 for 15-inch Kestner

\$5.72 for 24-inch Kestner \$8.50 Karavan Handcars at Bisque Dolls worth \$7.75. \$7.50 for 24-inch Kestner

> \$9.00 for 24-inch Kestner Bisque Dolls worth \$12.00. \$10.50 for 32-inch Kestner Bisque Dolls worth \$14.00.

Character Dolls-\$1.69 for Dolls worth \$2.25. \$1.13 for Dolls worth \$1.50. Trucks worth \$3.00.

94¢ for 17-inch Kid Dolls Unbreakable Flirting Dolls-\$2.25 for 16-in. Dolls worth are worth \$1.60.

\$1.85 for 13-in. Dolls worth 35c \$4.50 for 26-in. Dolls worth

\$6.00. Florodora Jointed Kid Dolls-64¢ for 14-in. Dolls worth

\$1.13 for 20-in. Dolls worth

Kidlyne" Kid Body Dolls-30¢ for 9-in. Doll worth 40c. 30¢ for 13-in. Doll worth 40c. Dressed Bisque Dolls-\$1.50 for 13-in. Dolls worth

Mechanical Trains and Tracks from 60c to \$5.50, special at 35¢ and to \$4.13.
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\$6.00 for Dressed Dolls \$1.20 for Hook and Ladder Trucks worth \$1.60.

\$1.20 for Fire Engines that

28¢ for Fire Engines worth

28¢ for Trains worth 350. 94¢ for Trains worth \$1.25. \$2.07 for Trains worth

\$3.56 for Trains worth

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19¢ for 25c Dogs. 45¢ for 60c Dogs. 98¢ for \$1.30 Buffaloes. \$2.63 for \$3.50 Buffaloes. 94c for \$1.25 Lions.

\$1.13 for \$1.50 Lions. \$1.50 for \$2.00 Camels.

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