

SUCCESSFUL DUCK READY FOR WINTER

Mallard and Teal Plentiful in Reserves Near City and Weather Good.

BIG BAGS ARE PREDICTED

Fowl Also Reported to Be in Best of Condition and Snow Squall of Yesterday Expected to Keep Them Flying Low.

"Christmas birds" will be in season at the week-end shoots of all the duck clubs. The higher preserves report plenty of ducks, and predictions are that this week will be capped only by next in being the best of the season.

Up the valley the boys can expect better shooting than in the past few days. But the Multnomah County brigade will not be disappointed in expecting splendid shooting for the next fortnight, for the stormy weather is a new stock of fat fowl to make the sport ideal.

Local sprigs are getting fat; the flights are getting plenty of square meals and not in remote corners either, while the residents have come to the conclusion that the mallards, widgeons and teal are carrying around round stomachs, too. Most of the sportsmen have accepted the inevitable with grace as the descent to a steady diet of duck starting tonight and continuing indefinitely.

Mallards More Than Plentiful. The mallards, which have been providing such classic and unusual sport for the clubs, are more than plentiful. The sharp weather has sent in a bunch of new fowl and those remaining here have put on considerable weight with their bean diet, and when fat, are first-class table birds.

Many of the ducks are very plump and white. Teal are lingering longer than usual, and although as a rule a case of "fine feathers" that do not make "fine birds," some of the teal, the hens particularly, seem fat enough.

Tales of flocks of ducks half a mile wide and two miles long are being brought in by some of the boys who are hunting. "Anyone can get the limit now once he learns how to go about it, both ducks and geese" is the view of those who have been out the last couple of days put it.

Shooting on Sauvie Island, the duck heaven, promises to be splendid. The week-end and parties expect to come back with limits of mallards.

Uniform Law Desired. The dark of the moon is also now in order. There will be steps taken at the coming meeting of the Legislature to amend the state and Federal laws governing the open season on ducks and geese.

As far as the shooting in this vicinity goes, the state law is all O. K., but it handicaps the up-valley shooter, who does not get any ducks until November 15, or later, and is almost low in this vicinity. It is predicted that the next Federal law will endeavor to read alike in Oregon, Washington and California as nearly as possible.

Hundreds of hunters will leave early this morning for their favorite haunts with high hopes of eating tender duck Christmas day.

Pendleton Five Beats Athens. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—In the first game of basketball of the season, the High School defeated the Athens team by a score of 28 to 27 at Athens last night.

Columbia Is Chess Champion. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—University again won the inter-collegiate chess championship, which was finished here today with a score of eight points won. The Yale team was second with six points; Harvard third with five, and Princeton last with four points.

News and Views of the Stars of the Baseball World. By Billy Evans, American League Umpire.

JIM THORPE, famous Indian athlete, is said to have received \$2500 for his services as a football player from the Canton (O.) professional team. The summary of games played would lead one to believe he was worth it.

Jim Scott, White Sox pitching star, has passed up vaudeville as a source of revenue during the winter. The actor's modus of living is not for the making of a fortune, according to Scott. This winter he intends to spend in Florida among the palms.

Jimmy Austin, of the St. Louis Browns is strong for the ten pin game during the winter months. Austin is regarded as one of the best bowlers in Cleveland.

Charley Somers, owner of the Cleveland team still follows baseball closely. Naturally he pays considerable attention to the club he once presided over. Mr. Somers believes Indians are mighty good batters, but can't figure them a contender unless the pitching staff is greatly strengthened.

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Connie Mack has just about decided that speed is not much use, if the player possessing it seldom reaches first. A good many of the collegians picked up by Mack boasted ten-second records for the 100 yards, but bashful youngsters may forget that the former Federal star a bit, thus making his road a trifle smoother next summer. So much was written about Kauff and his wonderful ability that most fans expected entirely too much. Kauff realizing what was expected tried to do himself justice. In 1917 he won't have any marks to shoot at and may come through with some of the stuff that made him the most talked about man in the Federal League.

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All who could be crowded into one corner of the Shattuck school tank for the flashlight. Miss Millie Schlotz, instructor, is holding Miss Ruth Richardson on the End of the Springboard.

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Miss Frances White, of Portland fame, has made the hit of the vaudeville season. She and William Rock are appearing nightly at the Zeitgeist "Midnight Follies," and they are also on the bill for the fourth consecutive week at the Hotel Astor.

Miss Alice Lindahl, formerly of Portland, has a leading role in "Come Out of the Kitchen" in which Ruth Chatterton both as friend and foe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allison are in the cast of "Daddy Long-Legs," the Henry Miller production, which is soon to appear at the Hotel Astor. Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who lived at the Hobart-Curtis for a number of years while they were appearing with the Baker Stock Company, are looking forward with great pleasure to renewing old friendships when they play Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell are at the Hotel Astor, where they have been since last June. After the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Russell expect to go to Florida for the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolles and daughter, Marian, who have been at the Hotel Belmont for several weeks, left on Saturday for Portland. Mrs. Bolles and her daughter visited in Pennsylvania while Mr. Bolles was in Chicago on business.

S. M. Meers was in the city recently. Miss Edna Irvine and her brother, a student in the Columbia College School of Journalism, have given up their apartment on Ninety-fifth street and Miss Irvine has gone to a hotel for the remainder of the winter.

Miss Helen Eastman is located in an apartment on West End avenue and Eighty-sixth street. Mrs. Charles Rosenfeld and Miss Delphine Rosenfeld have moved to the Hotel Belvedere.

Mrs. Gordon Forbes, who lives in Morristown, N. J., was in town during the past week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Sherwood, Jr., who, with her husband and a young man, Mr. Thompson, several weeks at the home of her father-in-law.

Robert Treat Platt has joined Mrs. Platt at the Hotel Netherlands, where she has been ever since early in October. Allen and John Maxwell, sons of Mrs. Maxwell, of 490 West End avenue, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Martha Coman, who is on the New York Herald staff, and Miss Lloyd Patterson, who visited the Comans in Portland last summer, have an apartment together at 151 East Forty-second street, New York.

Fred Page will be in New York for the Christmas season. Miss Helen Page, his daughter, will join him for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. George Willett, of Portland, together with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas and Miss Thorne, of Tacoma, are at the Hotel Gotham.

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