

DIARMS DIPENING, BUT NOBODY GETS THEM

Federal Jobs Open, but Senators Still Dally.

CANDIDATES BIT ANXIOUS

Ten Places Now Could Be Filled With Republicans If Senators Could but Proceed.

Another federal job ripened last week with bestirring the Oregon senators into action.

So far as the public is aware, the candidates for federal jobs are as much at sea today as they were on March 4.

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With the original tentative slate upset, the senators now will have another together. Whether any of the names on the original slate will appear on the new slate is known only to the senators themselves, and they are saying nothing.

It is the conclusion in Portland that pressure exerted on Senator Stanfield has placed the odds under John L. Day for United States marshal, a position which he occupied for a month or more ago.

Rumors have come to Portland from Washington in the past few days that Clyde C. Huntley of Oregon City may be recommended as collector of internal revenue.

As for collector of customs and appraiser positions which are also in demand, there is no concrete information. Meanwhile practically all of the candidates for the jobs continue to be writing and telegraphing letters and telegrams, either personally or through friends, and each job in the center of wire-pulling and political maneuvering.

YOUTH GOES FAR TO TRAIN

F. H. MOORE LURED FROM EAST BY NORTHWEST FAME.

Halfroad Fare From Washington, D. C., Paid to Get Instruction at Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—Lured by the fame of the Pacific northwest during the world war, F. H. Moore of Washington, D. C., is at Camp Lewis as a cadet in the citizens' military training corps.

Moore reported for duty Wednesday after his 3000-mile trip across the continent to attend the encampment. In order to be assigned to Camp Lewis it was necessary for him to obtain authority from the adjutant-general of the army.

This he did by offering to stand his railroad fare both ways, with incidental expenses. He could have received transportation from the government to Camp Meade, Pa., from his home, but he wanted to come west.

Moore is 16 years old and a high school student in Washington, D. C. He is being initiated into the mechanics of the military machine in company with 222 youths from various sections of the 9th corps area.

The majority of the men are taking the "red" course, or rudimentary training. Three of the cadets, however, have been accepted for the advanced course for commissions. They are Walter L. Roche and H. H. Stealy of Pocatello, Idaho and F. K. Ramsey of Butte, Mont.

Workman Dies of Injuries.

W. R. Burt, 35 years old, died yesterday morning at Good Samaritan hospital as a result of injuries sustained at Goble, Friday, when a derrick under which he was working fell. A skull fracture was the cause of his death. The same accident resulted in the instant death of Edward Erickson, Bismarck, when a derrick fell at 1011 Haight street, Portland. The body was sent to the morgue, but local authorities have not been advised whether or not an inquest will be held at St. Helens.

HUNTER FACES TASK OF KILLING 3000 SEALS AND SEALIONS IN NEXT TWO YEARS

To Wipe Out Menace to Salmon Industry of Oregon Is Job That Gold Beach Man Does Not Hesitate to Undertake—Habits of Animals Are Described.



1—SEA LIONS ON THE ROCKS, 2—W. M. HUNTER SEATED ON A 12-FOOT SPECIMEN, 3—A SEA LION COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER.

W. M. HUNTER of Gold Beach, Or., has before him a task which would daunt many a man. In the next two years he hopes to kill all of the 3000 seals and sealions along the Oregon coast.

He does not hesitate about beginning the work, however, because he is an experienced hunter of sea lions, which are considered a great menace to the salmon industry of the state.

Mr. Hunter could write a book on "The Gentle Art of Killing Sea Lions," but he never will, for he is one of those really modest men who count their accomplishments as a naught. He knows his business and finds it fascinating in many ways, and that is quite enough for him.

"Sea lions are much like sheep, you have to remember that when you go after them," he mused the other day. He had just come to Portland after 2 1/2 months of hunting his prey. He had killed in that time 1071 in all.

Rest Need Not Be Searched. "If you handle them in the right way, you can kill a large number without scaring off the rest. If you make the mistake of exciting them, they become frightened, leave the rock for the water and may not return for two weeks. Then you must waste time waiting for them to come back."

"What is my system? Well, we run up in the boat within 300 feet of a rock, anchor and then I go ashore in a small boat. Everything depends on shooting systematically. If the firing is done too rapidly, the sea lions become alarmed and begin slipping off into the water.

"I usually begin shooting at those along the edge of the water and work around the rock gradually. As soon as the lions become restless and begin to move about, then it is time to stop shooting and wait until they calm down a bit."

"Are they sleepy, gentle creatures, or do you ever have any trouble with them?" he was asked.

"Why, they're the meanest things in the world," Mr. Hunter said, much surprised to find that the habits and dispositions of sea lions are not common knowledge. "I never let one get above me on a rock. They are as strong as an ox. I have seen a cow pull one of her young 80 feet through the air."

Mr. Hunter has had no unpleasant personal encounters, however, because he has learned from years of experience just what the animals will do under every circumstance. Although Mr. Hunter does all of the shooting himself, he has six helpers who assist him in the scaling and skinning. The men live on the boat which Mr. Hunter had built especially for this work. It is 57 1/2 feet long, is equipped with living accommodations for eight men and has sufficient hold space for the hides and scalps, as they are taken from day to day. The boat has been named "The Hunter," and is equipped with a gasoline engine and sails.

Mr. Hunter made several record catches in the six seasons in which he has been killing seals and sealions. His record kill for one day is 332; another day he shot 225. "There were more of them in the years I shot that many in a day, than there are now," said the hunterman.

"One day out of every season it is possible to get a big kill. We go along killing about 50 or 60 a day and then finally find all in that vicinity gathered on one rock. It is possible to get a lot of them at one time."

Season Lasts Four Months. "The season during which we work lasts four months. We usually begin about the middle of May or earlier. Mr. Hunter began this season at the Port Orford reefs and covered the number of sea lions at 3000, the Rogue River reef, Hecla Head, Cape Meares and Tillamook head.

"The seals and sea lions eat in the open season along the Oregon coast can pack," he said. "Estimating the number of sea lions at 3000, which is a conservative estimate, and four as the number of fish they each eat during a day, they consume 1,200,000 salmon during the 157 days of the open season. This does not allow for all the other days of the year."

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"They have enormous stomachs. They don't indicate their catch at all, but swallow everything whole. I cut open the stomach of a sea lion once and found a whole devil fish, about 10 feet long, which had been swallowed in sections."

One fisherman was said to have found 44 salmon heads in the stomach of a sea lion, but Mr. Hunter has never found more than 15. The hair seals or sea lions are found in the ocean, but the sealions, which are much smaller, come into the streams along the coast. The seals are killed with dynamite. Mr. Hunter has arranged for a diver to bring the bodies of the dead seals to the surface.

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Excursion Will Be Made Into British Columbia District.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 16.—A four-day excursion for the purpose of visiting into the east Kootenai mining district of British Columbia the last week in August has been arranged by the Columbia section of the institute of mining engineers. Special attention will be given to wives and daughters of the excursionists, according to L. K. Armstrong, secretary of the Columbia section.

The tentative itinerary includes a visit to the Sullivan mine, a day in the free-milling gold district of Ferry creek, a day among the copper prospects of the St. Mary's valley, a day either in the Galena district or the placers of the Wildhorse district. Interspersed between these trips will be entertainment features such as boating, fishing and outdoor sports. The excursion will leave Spokane August 31.

THIRD SAFE BLOWN; YEGGS YET UNFOUNDED

Police Puzzled Over Operations of Cracksmen.

WORK THAT OF EXPERTS

All Jobs Done in Exactly Same Manner—No Clues to Identity of Outlaws Found.

Not only the police but habitues of the underworld are completely mystified as to the identity of Portland's Friday night safeblowers, who "cracked" their third successive safe some time early yesterday morning.

The big safe of the Brandes Creamery company, 127 First street, fell victim to the technique of the yeggs shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning. But the safeblowers were frightened away by Patrolman Arnold before they had an opportunity to loot it. The management of the company, however, said the safe contained but a small amount of funds.

Police detectives said the method employed by the yeggs was the same as that used in the two preceding Friday nights when safes in other establishments were blown open and looted of large sums of money.

The yeggs knocked off the combination and made what is known as a "rampole" shot. The heavy outer door of the safe was laid open neatly, while the inner doors also were torn from their hinges.

No Clues Yet Found. A careful check through the local underworld during the past three weeks by police detectives has failed to uncover the slightest clue to the identity of the yeggs now operating here. Through underground channels the police have been given positive assurance from persons they believe can be trusted, that the underworld is about the same as it was before the safe blowers blew all three.

That all three safe "jobs" were the work of experts is the belief of the police, and because each safe was blown open in exactly the same way they believe the same robbers blew all three.

Many of the veteran police and detectives felt certain that another safe would be blown Friday night and yesterday morning, and for that reason were on the alert for the slightest suspicious action of persons on downtown streets after midnight.

It was shortly before 3 o'clock in the morning that Patrolman Arnold heard the muffled report of an explosion as he was standing near the corner of First and Third streets. Running to the plant of the Brandes Creamery company, he heard men running through the rear of the building. He saw smoke arising from the exploded safe. Chisels and other tools used by the yeggs were left lying on the floor.

Police Soon on Scene. Arnold summoned Peter Mitchell, a janitor at the interurban station, and Alder and Hines, and had him call the police detective bureau. Inspectors Schum and Powell arrived within a few minutes.

An hour later the police arrested Peter Vassara at the Jeffries hotel and held him for investigation. He is said to have been seen loitering about that vicinity for more than an hour shortly before 3 o'clock in the morning. Police detective Vassara might have been a look-out for the men working inside, but they were unable to connect Vassara with the operations of the outlaws.

The present gang of yeggs first started their operations three Fridays ago, when they blew open the safe at the Lange & Kruse restaurant near Park and Alder streets. The safe was blown open at the Java Coffee company store was cracked. From the first safe they procured \$100, while at the Java Coffee company store they are said to have made away with \$1500.

Inspector Collins and Collins are investigating several clues and rumors, but so far have procured no information indicating capture of the yeggs.

Royston's Hearing Set.

Rev. Fred Royston of Salem, charged with violation of the Mann act, will have a hearing before United States Commissioner Frank C. Frick at county jail, as he has been unable to produce \$2000 bail.

CARDS OF THANKS.

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