

ENDEAVOR TO PROTECT ELK

Local Sportsmen Make Application For Another Game Warden.

THE LAWS ARE VIOLATED

Interested Parties Believe Decisive Steps Should Be Taken at Once.

A number of local sportsmen and others who interest themselves in preserving the game found in Coos county are applying to State Game Warden J. W. Baker, of Cottage Grove, for additional aid in bringing law-breakers to justice. For the whole of Coos county there is but one warden at the present time, and the need for another one is said to be urgent by those who have kept themselves posted on the conditions which prevail during the season for deer. Now that elk are up for slaughter this season, the local people feel that they should be protected if possible, according to the rules which govern the killing of this fast-disappearing animal.

There are but few elk in the state, and many were sadly disappointed that the last session of the legislature did not extend the close season on elk for ten more years. A bill was passed with this provision in it, but the Governor vetoed it after the legislature had adjourned, so it is claimed by interested parties.

There had been two wardens in Coos county until lately, C. W. Noah and Glenn Aiken. Noah recently sent in his resignation, but the State Warden did not see fit to accept it, and so has let the matter drift along, expecting Noah would serve. But the Warden did not understand his man, and Noah is determined to let somebody else hunt violators of the game laws, and so is not serving.

Cal Wright is mentioned, and will be urged as a candidate for appointment, since he is a true sportsman, and if he is appointed and can be prevailed upon to act, would fill the office with credit.

It is not particularly for the elk the demand for another warden arises, but it is well known many violations of the law occur during the deer season. Coos county is, and rightly so, proud of the fact that within her borders there is game of this variety, and therefore feels disposed to preserve it as long as possible and as well.

Several local parties, in discussing the situation, stated it as their belief that as a matter of pride, Coos county citizens would keep within the law during the game season, but others were as positive that there are many who kill out of season and more than the law allows, without regard to pride or any other sentiment, except to satisfy a greed for killing.

EXCURSIONISTS CATCH 100-POUND HALIBUT

Baptist Sunday School Excursion to Charleston Bay Is Thoroughly Enjoyed.

Over a hundred children and adults went to Charleston Bay yesterday on the Baptist Sunday school excursion, where an excellent day awaited the party. The afternoon was especially enjoyable. The party was taken on two large gasoline boats and made the trip there in one hour and twenty minutes, including two stops.

The amusements included, catching crabs, digging clams, breaking rock to secure the delicious rock oysters, bathing, etc. The party visited the wreck of the schooner Chinook, and one boat took a small party over the bar, where some expert fisherman, angled a 100-pound halibut.

The boats left at eight in the morning and arrived home at seven in the evening. The five smaller classes went free, one class at half fare and one at full fare. The proceeds from the friends and older members of the school paid the expenses. The usual picnic dinner was served at noon. An interesting incident was that of an inbound schooner sailing in over the bar.

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LUMBER PRICES SLASHED IN TWO

Both in North Bend and Marshfield Lowest Prices On Record Prevail.

The high prices on various grades of lumber which prevailed during the spring months have lately been cut to much smaller figures on Coos Bay, and builders are taking advantage of the reduction. Houses that were under consideration and allowed to rest some time ago, are now being contracted for and other building is in preparation.

The great activity in building both in Marshfield and North Bend can be traced to this lowering of prices. At North Bend, the prices have been reduced to the old schedule which was in effect before the carpenters' strike occurred. Rustle tumbled from \$26 to \$16 and \$18; flooring, from \$28 and \$30, to \$18 and \$20; ship lap from \$15 to \$13; dimension and shingles rule about the same, at \$12.50 and \$2.75. Marshfield prices are about the same, perhaps a little lower.

PERSONAL NOTES

Thomas Lewis and Frank Bowron went to Ten Mile yesterday, leaving in the afternoon on the North Star.

George Schlegel, of Plat B, was a city visitor on Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Coos River, was in Marshfield yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Prentiss, of this city, are spending a few days at Bandon.

G. N. Bolt moved into his new home on Sheridan street yesterday.

Mr. Arnold, of the firm of Oakley and Arnold, was in this city yesterday.

Major Kinney, of Plat B, was in Marshfield Wednesday.

J. J. Burns, of North Bend, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baxter left for their home in Coquille yesterday morning.

Mrs. Bob Hope, of Coos River, was in Marshfield yesterday.

Frank Smith returned to Marshfield from a trip to Bandon.

Mrs. Stanley McBride Smith and Mrs. E. K. Jones spent yesterday at the "Maze."

Mr. E. K. Jones and wife leave on the Breakwater today for the north, where they will spend three weeks visiting different cities.

Mr. J. Schelter, of Ten Mile, was a visitor in Marshfield yesterday.

Frank Wickman was in this city yesterday.

The barkentine "Encore" is finishing loading in the lower bay and will soon sail from this port.

Andrew Wickman passed through Marshfield yesterday on his way to camp at Enegren's Grove.

Miss Mamie Elliott, of Empire, is visiting on Coos River.

Miss Dolly Haydon is visiting at Rozell's camp up the river.

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SUMNER BOAT LINE IS SOLD

W. C. Harris of Sumner Prepares To Retire From Business.

ALSO SELLS THE HOTEL

May Sell Farm First of September To James Clark, of Springfield.

Captain W. C. Harris was in the city yesterday and was interviewed by a Times representative regarding the report that the genial mayor of Sumner was about to retire from active life along the lines of farming and other strenuous pursuits in which he has been engaged for nine years since coming to Oregon.

The rumor was only partly true, it was learned, that while Captain Harris has sold his hotel and boat line to the Masters Brothers, he will continue farming for the present, at least. This is contingent, however, for he is under contract to sell his farm on the first day of September to James Clark, of Springfield.

It was nine years ago that Captain Harris located on the ranch where he is now living, and by industrious attention to cultivating the same and working up a remunerative dairy and cheese business, he has accumulated a comfortable competence, and is ready to retire and take life more easy than he has of late. Under the present arrangement, he will have nothing on his hands with the exception of his cheese factory, and in case the option for the farm is taken up, he will be able to lay this down on the first of September.

The sale which was completed on Monday, included the sale of the gasoline boats Sumner and Curlew and the hotel at Sumner. The Sumner carries the United States mail, and this contract goes with the sale of the boats. These boats make the trips between the head of navigation on Catching Inlet and Marshfield once each day. The Sumner leaves for Marshfield every morning with the mail at three o'clock and returns leaving Marshfield at six. The Curlew carries freight and passengers and leaves for the city at 7:30, re-

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Captain Harris built up this transportation business and it amounts to a considerable sum in the course of a year. The boat service does not reach into Sumner and ends at the head of navigation, about a mile and a quarter from there. From the boat landing, passengers and freight are transported to Sumner by railroad, over a narrow gauge line constructed by the Southern Oregon Company.

Captain Harris has obtained a reputation throughout Oregon as a cheese manufacturer and last year secured first prize at the Oregon state fair at Salem. He is making more cheese than in previous years, and the daily output of his factory is at present three hundred pounds.

BAKER CITY HAS EXPENSIVE FIRE

Flames Destroy Lumber Mill Valued at \$15,000—Company's Second Fire.

Flames of an unknown origin leaped up and over the lumber mill of Stoddard Bros., about 1:30 o'clock this morning and in less than an hour left nothing of the plant but a few flaring sticks. Fanned by a stiff south breeze, the fire fairly ate its way into the heart of the seasoned mill structure and there was little for the fire department to do but to prevent the spread of the conflagration to the adjoining piles of lumber and other structures. This they were finally able to do, but their efforts would have been fruitless had not the somewhat isolated location of the mill favored them.

From the company bookkeeper it was learned that the mill plant was worth from ten to fifteen thousand dollars, and that no insurance was carried on it. Three million feet of lumber were piled in the yard, and

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