

PROPOSE LAW TO PROTECT FORESTS GIVEN APPROVAL

Conservation Association Indorses Bill to Go to Legislature; Wants Federal Protection of Fishing Industry.

At the quarterly meeting last night in the green room of the Portland Commercial club, the Oregon Conservation association indorsed a proposed law to be enacted by the next state legislature for the protection of the forests against fire, the appointment of a state forester and necessary patrol to cover the various districts during the danger season.

Strong resolutions were also passed recommending that the federal government protect the fishing industry on the Pacific coast and especially take up the matter of restocking the Columbia river with salmon on a larger scale. This matter was brought before the meeting of J. Kinney, one of the pioneer salmon fishermen of the river.

Great Old Figures

Mr. Kinney called attention to the fact that in 1876 the Columbia river pack, during a short season, was 450,000 cases, with only one-tenth of the gear now in use. Thirty years ago the pack was 700,000 cases with one-sixth of the gear now in use. Since then the pack has declined to about 500,000 cases per year. This year, Mr. Kinney explained, the pack was probably 650,000, including canned goods, and nearly 10,000,000 pounds of fish, of which the increase was brought about by the extra quantity of young fish put in.

"The fishing industry in the Columbia river," said Mr. Kinney, "this season amounted to about \$4,000,000 and gave employment to 2000 men in the boats. Including the vessels outfitted on the Columbia river and sent to Alaska and return, the industry brought in about \$5,000,000. The fishing business of the Columbia river and Puget sound for the year 1909, it was a large year, including cod and halibut, amounted to about \$22,000,000; that is, the fish taken in the two states valued at the board price, and including vessels outfitted, sent to Alaska and return.

"The salmon fisheries of the Pacific coast, including cod storage, amounted to about 6,000,000 cases or 200,000 tons. This total fishing industry of the Pacific coast amounts to about \$20,000,000 in a good season.

"We need to protect our fishing industry. If the population of the United States doubles in 25 years, the product of beef will not and the product of the fisheries will be absolutely necessary.

Should Be Protected.

"The salmon streams should by all means be protected. It is as important to conserve the fishing industry as the lumber industry. As our population increases and becomes much denser west of the Mississippi river, beef and meat will become scarcer and we therefore shall certainly need the fish for food. "Strike off the fishing industry from New England and the United States manufacturing center will travel a good many miles westward. Take the fishing industry away from the British isles and England will not be able to maintain her present manufacturing supremacy. "The fishing industry is one of the mainstays of Japan. It is estimated that 3,000,000 of her population engage in fishing and that it supports 10,000,000 people.

"We think that a sufficient fund should be made available to put into the Columbia river about 300,000 chinook salmon each year.

"The association will urge the state's representative to do everything to secure the necessary appropriation.

ENGINEERS' CHIEF CHAFES AT DELAY

Mediator Nelll III, but Stone Says Christmas Tieup if No Settlement.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The illness of Commissioner of Labor Charles Nease, who is conducting negotiations for a settlement of a threatened strike of 25,000 engineers on 61 western railroads, delayed proceedings here today.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said: "I regret the delay, but there is no change in the situation. I am willing to wait a couple of days for Commissioner Nease to recover, but it must be understood that unless a settlement is reached before the end of the week the railroads will have a general strike by Christmas. The engineers are determined not to recede from the position they have taken."

STREETCAR REBATES BACK FOR CHRISTMAS

(United Press Local Wire.) Tacoma, Dec. 20.—Actuated by the desire, by the spirit of Yuletide, General Manager L. H. Bean of the Tacoma Railway & Power company surprised hundreds of patrons of the streetcar company today by making public an invitation to those holding receipts for fares paid in excess of 5 cents for transportation between Tacoma and Fernhill to attend a meeting Thursday night and receive a refund of their money.

DEMAND SALARIES BE PAID TEACHERS ON ALL HOLIDAYS

County School Superintendents, at Meeting, Decide to Carry Fight to Legislature; Old Fashioned Instructors.

Demanding that salaries be paid school teachers for legal and other holidays on which their schools are closed during the school year, the county superintendents of Oregon today decided to carry the fight to the legislative assembly. It is probable that a committee will be appointed to formulate estimates of the appropriations necessary to comply with the request.

The convention, which is being presided over by State School Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, also went on record in favor of employing old-fashioned school teachers. The resolution came as the result of a discussion over the greasy search of modern instructors of teachers' institutes for new methods of teaching. All institutes to be held in the state the coming summer will be personally arranged by the superintendents with a view to educating their subordinates in an effective method of imparting information about arithmetic, geography and grammar.

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LAUGHING HITS ON ORPHEUM BILL

Alice Lloyd Leads Good Christmas Week Vaudeville Program.

By A. L. If this week's bill at the Orpheum does not break the theatrical hoodoo of the worst week in the year, the week before Christmas, nothing will. Last week's offering was good, but this is better.

An unusually large Monday matinee was witness of the drawing power of charming Alice Lloyd, who is, of course, the bright, particular star. Miss Lloyd has lost none of her charm and cleverness, but comes laden with pretty clothes, new ideas and clever songs, done in her own inimitable and irresistible way. In her repertoire are five new songs sung in many costumes. Her Master Cupid number was a dream, and particular favorites were the fashion song, her sailor boy, "Splish Me," and—wonder there is no stopping until you have gone the limit of her songs when speaking of favorites sung by Miss Lloyd.

If laughing hits are to have second mention, Lew Sully comes next, and few are far between are the ones with a similar act who could have followed Miss Lloyd. By the time Mr. Sully reached the center of the stage he was friends with the audience, and when he made his final bow tears were flowing freely—tears of mirth, not sorrow. To say the least, he is comfortably plump. His manner of delivery is one of his chief assets, and added to good songs and funny patter, makes him one of the best single laugh-getters on the circuit. His clever business of Miss Lloyd's hobbie dress, was a scream.

Harlan E. Knight, assisted by Miss Lillian Volkman and George Nevill, offers a remarkably clever rural skit, "The Chalk Line." The stage setting is splendid and the story filled with wholesome humor and a bit of pathos for apica. The characters are all the more interesting because taken from life, and the acting throughout is excellent. The finish is delightful.

NOTORIOUS NORTH END DIVE OWNERS REFUSE LICENSES

Arnaud and Bruno Lose Privilege of Selling Liquor; Fate of Others Being Considered by Council Committee.

The liquor license committee of the city council at a special session this morning voted unanimously to deny the applications of Tony Arnaud, Pete Bruno and other notorious saloonmen, for licenses to sell liquor during the coming year.

"We have a chance right here to reform the liquor traffic in Portland," declared Councilman F. E. Watkins when Arnaud's application which already bears signed by Councilmen Wallace, Cellars and Menefee came before him. "Now let us refuse to approve any application made by a disreputable person and we can rid the city of low dive keepers."

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PORTLAND MAN IS NAMED IN SUIT

Salem Blacksmith Applies for Divorce From Woman Who Eloped With Hostler.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—C. D. Frazer, a well known traveling salesman of Portland, now in business in that city and a prominent officer in the Traveling Men's Protective association, is named in a sensational divorce suit filed in the circuit court for Marion county yesterday afternoon by Calvin Patton of this city against Gust Patton, his wife. The complainant names Frazer, traveling salesman, without giving the initials, as partial cause for the domestic infelicities which are made the foundation for divorce proceedings. The complaint also alleges that Mrs. Patton eloped December 2 with Fred C. Dimeter of this city, formerly of Portland, a hostler in the Club stables of this city, and that she obtained from her husband \$200 for that purpose, pretending that it was necessary for her to go to California for her health. She went to Oakland with Dimeter on her husband's \$200, which he asks the court to make a decree refunding this sum to him from his wife's property. She also has other property, of which he claims his dower interest.

Patton alleges in his suit for divorce that he supposed his wife to have been true to him previous to December 2, after which he learned of her relations with Frazer, Dimeter and others. Patton is a horsehoeer and blacksmith, and they have been married but three or four years.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

MOB OF FARMERS CHASES SHERIFF AND HIS PRISONER

Triple Murder Arouses Great Feeling in Rural Community of North Carolina; Man, Daughter, Grandchild Slain.

(United Press Local Wire.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Following the murder of three persons, Sheriff Wheeler and two deputies are rushing here today with Nathan Montague, a negro, in order to protect him from a mob of farmers who seek to lynch him for the crime.

Montague last night entered the home of Leyton Sanders, a farmer, it is alleged, stole Sanders and his grandchild, 2 years old, assaulted Mina Sanders, a daughter, and cut her throat with a pocket knife. Following this the negro fired the farmhouse, it is said. A farmhand alarmed the sheriff, who arrested Montague.

All roads to Durham are being guarded by Sanders' friends, and the sheriff is endeavoring to bring in the negro in a roundabout way.

GIRL SAYS SHE SAW MAN ROB COMPANION

Woodford D. Moore, who has been running the Delaware rooming house at Grand avenue and East Burnside street, was arrested this morning by Detective Craddock, charged with the theft of \$25 from Ross Hirsch. It is claimed that a little girl saw Moore take the money out of the other man's pocket while both were drunk last Saturday. Moore was arraigned in police court today, but the case was continued and an attorney appointed to represent him.

Giving Pictures Away.

At today's matinee at the Orpheum autographed photographs of Alice Lloyd, the clever comedienne, will be given away. Two thousand will be distributed.

CHILDREN WANT TURKEY DINNER

Tots at Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Home Hope for Candy, Too.

Sixty-five children at the Boys' and Girls' Aid society quarters are hoping that they will have turkey Christmas, although the source of supply has not yet been found. They are also hoping for candy and nuts, and Superintendent Gardner is calling this lack to the attention of friends of the home.

The trustees at their monthly meeting yesterday received reports on the donations from the public schools of the city, showing cash contributions of \$111.26 and a generous supply of fruit and vegetables. Donations from public schools of the state provided enough fruit to last until next Thanksgiving.

Chairman W. F. Woodward of the playground committee reported that \$38.50 toward equipment had been collected and that committee had taken up the subject of providing shade for the boys and girls. Donations for this purpose have been made by the Inman-Poulson Lumber company, Peninsula Lumber company, Honeyman Hardware company, Marshall-Willis company, Central Door & Lumber company, W. P. Fuller & Co., Fisher, Thorsen & Co.

Those at the meeting were Judge Gilbert, Judge Wolverton, Dr. T. L. Elliot, R. S. Farrell, W. F. Woodward, Mrs. H. H. Northrup and Superintendent Gardner.

LOSES SUIT AGAINST BANK OF TROUTDALE

A verdict for the Bank of Troutdale was returned this morning in Judge Hamilton's division of the circuit court, in a suit in which Demitar Todero, an Austrian, sought to recover part of a deposit he alleged he had in the bank. Suit was brought for \$280.

Todero alleged he had a deposit of \$500 and wanted to change it to the Bank of Kenton. When he asked to

have the deposit, the bank only had \$280 to his credit. The cashier said that two checks had been drawn against his account. Todero denied drawing the checks. The bank exhibited two checks, both of which were signed by D. Toderoff. It was contended by the plaintiff that another Austrian had discovered Todero had the deposit, and fraudulently altered the checks. The bank argued that the handwriting of the plaintiff and the person who drew the checks was the same. Todero loses the suit and money.

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