

MURPHY IS CLOSE TO WEIGHT FOR HIS BOUT WITH CHAMP RITCHIE

Willie Feels Lazy and Takes Lay-Off From His Training Work; Odds Same.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—With their 20-round class only a week away, Light-weight Champion Willie Ritchie and Harlem Tommy Murphy were fit to enter the ring today for a marathon contest, their trainers said. Murphy put in a hard day's work yesterday, boxing three rounds each with Frankie Edwards and Eddie Miller, in addition to a six mile run and his gymnasium stunts. The Harlemites were close to the 133 pound mark today and probably will enter the ring at 133. Ritchie took a day off yesterday. Manager Harry Foley explaining that the champion "just felt lazy." Naturally, he took on some weight during the lay-off, and was at 139 1/2 pounds this morning. Betting odds were stationary today at 10 to 6, although there has been little real wagering as yet.

GEORGE D. O'CONNOR IS GENERAL YARDMASTER

George D. O'Connor, superintendent of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern before the consolidation of the operating and traffic departments by the parent Southern Pacific company, has been appointed general yardmaster of the Southern Pacific in full charge of the Portland yards from the steel bridge to Brooklyn. At the time work was discontinued on the P. E. & E. projects when the electric line felt the financial squeeze, there was some speculation as to what position would be assigned Mr. O'Connor, because D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, was given jurisdiction over the electric part of the system as well as the steam lines. He announced then, however, that Mr. O'Connor would be taken care of in some capacity. Mr. O'Connor has the reputation of being a thoroughgoing construction and operating man.

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENTS DO NOT NOW EXIST

(Continued From Page One.) Their affairs as individual organizations, and friction has resulted. "Hereafter the commission should be run as the conservator of the fish and game. The commission should be established in Salem, and there should be a paid secretary, and all business should be transacted through that office. The game warden and the fish warden should remain subordinates as provided by the law, and remain under the direction of the commission. "The matter of hatching fish should not be mixed up with the duties of enforcing the laws. Finley was charged with enforcing the game laws and looking after the trout, and Clanton was charged with enforcing the commercial fish laws and conducting the hatcheries. The question is who is the one to look after the hatching of the fish, both the trout and the commercial fish. "The reorganization of the fish and game departments, and the establishment of an office in Salem with a salaried secretary, is possible under the law, said the governor, who says it will be putting the law into operation as it was originally intended. "Business Through Commission. He said if it were necessary for the game warden and the fish warden to maintain offices in Portland, having the offices of the commission here would not interfere with these offices. But he contends that all business should be transacted through the commission, instead of by the heads of the two departments independent of the commission. "Because the commission is given complete control, and must approve all claims and salaries and other accounts before they can be audited by the secretary of state, is the reason all activities in the fish and game departments must stop when the resignations of the members of the commission are accepted. The governor said the existence of the offices of fish and game warden and positions of other employees are dependent upon the existence of a fish and game commission. "All High Class Men. "I consider the men who resigned all high class men," said the governor, "and peculiarly fitted for the service. They

ATHLETICS' YOUNGSTER IS BEST FIRSTBASEMAN



The recently published official fielding averages of American League players, revealed that the youngest regular in the American League, Jack "Stuffy" McInnes, of the Philadelphia Athletics, was rated the best fielding and batting first-sacker on his circuit, and that Larry Lajoie, of the Cleveland Naps, the oldest A. L. veteran in point of service, headed the list of second basemen in fielding averages. In 137 games Lajoie batted for an average of .335. In 126 games he compiled a fielding average of .970. McInnes made a fielding record of .992 in 148 games, and rapped opposing pitchers for a batting average of .326.

had devoted a great deal of time and money to the work of the commission, and were working without salary. They are men of affairs, who left their duties to attend the meetings of the commission, and it is unfair for them to be annoyed by petty strife. I'm not surprised at them becoming disgusted and resigning." A peculiar feature of the situation is that the governor declares he cannot find out what is causing the fuss among the anglers and others in Portland. He says he has been unable to learn what is behind the attacks being made on the commission, and why the agitation in behalf of Kinney.

It appears that the anglers are defending Kinney. The governor read a clipping today from the Astoria Budget, containing an interview with Kinney, in which he is reported to have said he was opposed to restocking with trout any of the streams tributary to the Columbia river, as the trout destroyed the young salmon. Kinney was the only cannyman on the commission.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS IS PREDICTED

(Continued From Page One.) Rome Brown of Minneapolis in his address before the convention. "The problems," he said, "may be solved only on a basis of assistance and cooperation of private capital and the government and concessions sufficiently liberal to attract private investment." Brown characterized the government dam act as "impossible." "Sectional Work Described. United States Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, who is president of the congress, delivered his annual report and an address on the work accomplished by the organization during the past year. "What improved waterways would mean to New England was the subject treated by the next speaker, William S. McNary of Boston, and he was followed by Representative John H. Small of North Carolina, who advocated that an inland waterway be opened up from Sandy Hook to Cape Lookout. Much of this distance is already pierced by inland waterways. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida discussed the merits of a canal from the Mississippi to the Atlantic ocean, suggesting feasible means for its construction, while Representative George F. Burgess followed along the same line and proposed pushing an inland waterway from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande, thus making it possible for shipments to be made over an inland waterway almost across the continent. Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas, who is chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the senate, deliv-

DELAY IN PASSING OF CURRENCY LAW MAKES INVESTORS HESITATE

Franklin T. Griffith Declares Capitalists Are Playing a Waiting Game.

Difficulties of the public service corporations in their efforts to secure money for improvements were discussed at the regular bi-weekly luncheon of the Transportation club at the Multnomah hotel yesterday. Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, explained the effect of popular agitations and the uncertainties of dividends. Mr. Griffith has lately returned from financial centers, where he learned some of the reasons for the tightness of money. He declared that the delay in passing the currency bill is keeping capitalists unduly cautious. At present, he said, investors are putting their money into short-time loans and then only where prospects of return are unusually favorable. Whatever bill is passed, Mr. Griffith said, will have a steadying effect, removing at least the element of uncertainty that now prevails throughout the country.

Mr. Griffith declared that the tendency to attack capital invested in railway and other public service enterprises is responsible for a great share of the financial evils. He declared that because "regulation" is popular, politicians both large and small use it as a means to preferment and legitimate projects suffer along with those which need watching and strict regulation. In education of the people to look upon railways as friends rather than enemies, he said the salvation of the railway lines. President R. H. Straton of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern was called upon for an impromptu talk after Mr. Griffith had finished. He declared his line to be a concrete example of the financial ills that Mr. Griffith had referred to. Because of inability to get money to continue construction work, the P. E. & E. had been barred from extending the line already planned. He echoed the plea that every member of the club use his influence in the circle he controlled to combat the old idea that railroads must be looked upon with suspicion and subjected to such stringent regulations that the investment became no longer attractive for capital.

G. E. Moore, president of the Harrison club, was president of the day and members of the club were guests. One feature of the luncheon was the presentation of the Transportation club of the sterling silver cup trophy offered by the Business Men's league for the championship of the league's 1913 baseball season.

WATCHMAN WHO SHOT BOY IS HELD TO JURY

Edward Matthews, special deputy sheriff at the Portland Gun club's preserve near Columbia slough, must face the grand jury for shooting Damon Savage, 18 years old, when he found the boy and companions trespassing on the club's property on November 27. He was held to the grand jury yesterday by District Judge Jones. The boys shot some live decoys and Matthews chased them away. Savage was shot in the back and ten shot were taken from the back and two are still in his leg. Dr. C. G. Hall, a physician, testified that had Matthews been 10 feet nearer the boy, the shot might have been fatal. Matthews declared that he fired when the boy aimed at him, but Judge Jones held that the fact the shot lodged in the boy's back disproved that contention.

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