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SPORTSMEN DO NOT WANT ANY CHANGE MADE IN FISHING

Appeal of Macleay for Long or Fishing Season Turned Down

WAS LIVELY MEETING

Arguments Develop into Personalities as Members Fail to Agree

Marked by arguments which many times verged into personalities, approximately one hundred sportsmen representing the Jackson county sportsmen association and the Isaac Walton League of Josephine county at a special meeting held in the Medford hotel last night, voted to leave the fishing season insofar as it pertains to commercial fishing as it is. This action was taken in support of a special committee report made during the evening. Immediately following the report, Robert Mansfield, former member of a special committee who some eight years ago made an agreement with Rod Macleay, head of commercial fishing interests at the mouth of the Rogue river, presented an amendment to the report of the committee, in which he asked that the various requests of the commercial fisherman be granted.

USES ORATORY

Mr. Mansfield employed all of the power of oratory at his command in support of his motion, and made a powerful plea for fair play and a harmonious meeting, to the end that fishing in the Rogue river could receive the greatest benefits.

"Bill" Isaac of Medford took issue with Mr. Mansfield and explained his stand upon the proposed changes, declaring that the proposed changes would further deplete the fishing, and closed with a plea that the regulations be left as they were. This precipitated a bitter controversy, in which personalities were allowed to enter, and which was finally smoothed over, when Mr. Isaac offered an apology for any remarks that might have been made inadvertently by him, and which might be interpreted as reflecting upon the sincerity and integrity of those who did not agree with him.

After various discussions in which Guy Good and Dan Payne of Ashland took part, the motion was put to a vote, and the Mansfield resolution, which would have allowed commercial fishing from April 1, to May 15th, and then prohibit it for one month, and then continue it from June 15th until December first, with the use of small mesh nets from October 15th on, was voted down there being but six who supported the motion.

New Amendment

Following this H. Van Hovenberg, of Medford, introduced another amendment in which the sportsmen were given the opportunity of dividing the proposals of commercial interests and which called for a vote upon the first proposal of an early season. This was also voted down, as had to do with the extension of the commercial fishing season and the use of small nets. An attempt to introduce still another amendment that would have allowed the extension of the fall fishing but which would have eliminated the small mesh nets, was frustrated when Judge Thomas, called for a consideration of the original motion which would leave the seasons just as they are now. The chair ruled that this had to be considered, and the committee report was adopted by a vote of 33 to 10.

Macleay had opened the meeting with an explanation of his request for a moderation of the agreement, and presented some observations that had been made by him over a period of years relative to the habits of fish.

Following the disposal of the motion, Judge Thomas made a stirring plea to the sportsmen, advising them to secure more facts before they again attempted to...

ASHLAND HIGH WILL PLAY THIS EVENING

Local Basketball Will Meet Treks Hi on Junior Hi Floor

The local high school basketball team will get into action again tonight when it meets Treks Hi on the junior hi floor at 8:30. The Treks team defeated the locals in a close game at Treks last week, but Ashland expects to turn the tables tonight.

Al Parr, one of the mainstays of the team last year, has decided to come out for basketball again this year and has been working out with the team this week. His presence is expected to strengthen the squad materially.

A preliminary game between Ashland Junior High and Roseburg Junior High will start at 7:30.

PUBLIC IS HOLDING UP DECISION ON COMEDIAN

Are Giving Chaplin Opportunity to Speak for Himself

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(UN)—Usually quick to denounce prominent members of the Hollywood movie colony, whose names are linked with scandal, the American public appears to be withholding judgment on Charlie Chaplin until the comedian has an opportunity to speak for himself.

When Mabel Normand and Edna Purviance came under suspicion in connection with the shooting of Cortland Dines several years ago, they were banned from the American screen almost universally until their names were cleared. The same was true of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, who later was acquitted of murder. But Charlie Chaplin seems to be facing no such censorship. Action has been taken from the theatre of the county has cropped out only in isolated instances.

Thursday afternoon Mayor Ralph S. Bauer of Lynn, Mass., announced that no more Chaplin pictures would be shown in his city because of the actor's trouble with his wife who is suing him for divorce on sensational charges.

In Chicago a motion demanding suppression of all Chaplin films was adopted by the Illinois League of Women Voters, but motion picture theatre proprietors continued to show his pictures.

TROOPS ARE COUNTED ON BOUNDARY LINE

Eighteen Thousand Men Are Scattered Through Eighth Area

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(UN)—The United States army has 18,600 men scattered through the eighth corps area, which includes the Mexican border, it was learned at the war department today. This also includes troops at Fort Riley and Leavenworth in Kansas and Fort Sill, Okla.

Of these 14,656 are scattered along the Mexican border. The distribution along the border is as follows:

- Fort Brown, Brownsville, Tex., 277; Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City, 200; Fort McKintosh, Laredo, 456; Fort Clarke, near Eagle Pass, 722; Marfa, Texas, 472; Fort Bliss, El Paso, 1964; Camp Henry J. Jones, Douglas, Arizona, 254; Camp Stephen D. Little, Nogales, 667; Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 579; Presidion, Monterey, 669; Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, 6156; Brooks and Kelly fields, San Antonio, 2,000.

COOPER SERVICES YESTERDAY

Funeral services for Hannah Elizabeth McGee, mother of J. H. McGee, were held yesterday at the Methodist church, with Rev. Pemberton of that church in charge. The Eastern Star's beautiful ceremony was a part of the service. Interment was at Mountain View cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. McGee's immediate family in Ashland, she leaves to mourn her death, a sister, Mrs. J. E. Harrington of Kansas City and two brothers, C. H. Henderson of Coia, Iowa, and J. W. Henderson of North Platte, Nebraska.

DEFENSE SAYS PASTOR'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER WHEN HE SHOT

Banker Claims He Heard Murdered Man Threaten to Kill

STATE PRESENTS CASE

Woman Tells of Shooting That Took Place in Minister's Study

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 15.—A threat to kill the Rev. J. Frank Norris was made by D. E. Chipps in the Pastor's study just before Norris killed Chipps, for whose murder he is on trial, L. H. Nutt, banker and a member of the Norris Baptist church testified today.

Nutt was present when Chipps entered the pastor's study to protest some political attacks.

State Rests

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 15.—After plying half a dozen witnesses on the stand the state rested yesterday in the trial of Rev. Frank J. Norris, of Fort Worth, who is charged with the murder of D. E. Chipps, a wealthy lumberman. The move was a distinct surprise as the taking of evidence only began this morning, the jury having been completed Thursday.

OVER HUNDRED START IN WRIGLEY DERBY

Predict Race Will Not be Over Before Sunday Morning

ABOARD THE TUG PATRICK, Catalina, Island, Jan. 15.—(UP)—In a sea only slightly rough, and with fair skies prevailing, a hundred and three aspirants for the forty thousand dollars in prize money offered in the Wrigley Sea Marathon, were on their way across the 23 mile stretch of the blue Pacific today. An hour after the take off, the official time of which was named as 11:34, all of the contestants were swimming slowly and it was predicted that the swim would not end before Sunday.

Wireless report from the steamer Avalon to this tug, said that the ship resembled a hospital with physicians working over the exhausted swimmers. It was not determined how many were still in the race.

Court Upholds Evolution Law

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Constitutionality of the law, which prohibits teaching in the public schools of Tennessee the theory of evolution, was upheld today in a decision handed down by the State Supreme Court.

A test case was taken before the court by John Thomas Scopes, Dayton school teacher, who was convicted for violating the law. Although the law was upheld, the verdict against Scopes was reversed on grounds that he was illegally fined \$10 when the maximum penalty for this law is \$50.

Justice McKenney, who dissented on a part of the decision upholding the law, held that it should be invalidated on grounds of uncertainty.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

The Misses Nivier received a telegram from Franklin, Pa., this morning of the death of their sister, Mrs. W. G. Curry, who passed away in that city Friday. The body will be shipped to the old family home at Brockway, Pa., for burial, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry were Ashland residents for a number of years and made many friends here.

THE DOG OF AN AGED HERMIT RESULTS IN LONG CHAIN OF TRAGEDIES

CHEROKEE, Okla., Jan. 15.—A yellow mongrel dog lies dead in his master's deserted home, a wild, bristly cat shivers under a store that is no longer warm and cosy, and the windows of a tiny shack have been darkened perhaps forever.

And in "Death row" at McAlester penitentiary is the master, fantastically happy in the thought that on March 15 he will be electrocuted.

It is the strange case of C. H. Marble, 69, who was sentenced to die for killing a boy who named him.

Marble, aged and blind, was the town "crab" of Ingersoll, Okla., a community of 100 people, five miles from here. The boys liked to pester the old recluse because it "made him mad."

They "swiped" the fruit from his fruit trees, threw rocks on his porch and taunted him for his age and temper; they played pranks on his dog and chased his cat.

On such things as these a tragedy was built. There is a new grave in the town's cemetery and still another boy is fighting for his life in a hospital. "Old Marble" was not feeble and harmless as most town "crabs" are; he was known round about as a mystery hermit who came to town 12 years ago as a tramp. During the last few years the town employed him as night watchman, but of his past life nothing is known and Marble won't tell. He had a college education. Once he dropped the remark that he had been a medical doctor and later a minister. He encouraged no friends; lived his secluded life when folks—especially boys—would let him.

The day after Christmas some one shot his dog. Guy Hutchison and his two sons, Gilbert 14, and Roy, 16, were sitting in a filling station—the town hang-out.

Marble walked in, drew his revolver and fired four times. Gilbert fell dead, young Roy was wounded.

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Legion Installs All New Officers For Coming Year

Ashland Post No. 14 of the American Legion held its regular meeting and installation of officers this week in the Pioneer hall on Winbury Way.

The usual business session was conducted and the following officers were installed: Commander, Millard W. Grubb; vice-commander, Ralph Bowen; adjutant, Theodore E. Patterson; chaplain, William Greenberg; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Delaney.

The meeting adjourned to meet again in the same hall, Tuesday evening, January 25.

Valentino Estate Pays Pola's Claim

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(UN)—Pola Negri, motion picture star, was allowed a claim for \$15,000 and seven per cent interest Thursday against the estate of Rudolph Valentino.

The money was paid on a note which became due about the time of her fiancée's death, according to representation made in court.

The superior court also allowed a claim of the United Studios for \$21,300 and interest on a note given by the dead film shark.

SAYS KELLOGG HELD BACK A PART OF FACTS FROM SENATE

White House Refuses to Discuss Senator Borah's Peace Plans

LaFOLLETTE OPENS UP

In a Fiery Speech he Accuses Kellogg of Giving Only Half the Truth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(UN)—While the White House refused to discuss Senator Borah's peace program, calling for a special election in Nicaragua and arbitration of the oil dispute with Mexico, Senator La Follette, Wisconsin republican, charged in a speech that Secretary Kellogg had omitted part of the evidence in his communist memorandum to the senate foreign relations committee.

La Follette declared the omitted evidence would have shown clearly that President Calles spurred efforts of the bolsheviks to get a foothold in Mexico.

The Kellogg communist memorandum carried excerpts of a report of soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin stating that Mexico having recognized the soviet, gives to the communists a very convenient political base in America.

La Follette produced President Calles' reply to this assertion, made in a statement May sixth, 1925, and was not included in Kellogg's memorandum.

Calles said: "At the time we decided to renew diplomatic relations with the government of soviet Russia, the Mexican government was imbued fundamentally with the principle of international law, strictly to respect the sovereign rights of people to give themselves such institutions and to adopt such a regime which in their judgment were most desirable."

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WAR PICTURES NOW ARE MOST POPULAR

Nineteen Twenty Seven Menu Includes Many Battle Scenes

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. Jan. 14.—(UN)—Return of war pictures to popularity is indicated by the varied 1927 movie menu prepared by Hollywood producers.

When the signing of the armistice brought its aftermath of films depicting armed struggle with its consequent chaos and heartaches theatre goers tired of witnessing something they were endeavoring to forget.

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COLUMBIA DEFEATS NORMAL TOSSERS

Locals Lose Final Game of Trip, 55 to 44, in Portland

Ashland Normal lost its final game of the northern barnstorming yesterday when Columbia University was perhaps the strongest team played by the Normals on their northern trip and apparently they felt the effects of their six days of steady traveling and playing.

Scores made by the locals were field, 11; Caldwell, 3; Moore, 8; as follows: Marske, 16; Butterkinney, 4; Johnson, 2.

The team with Coach Walter Hughes will arrive back in Ashland tomorrow.

MANY HEAR EBERT ON PROHIBITION

Speaker Opposed to Any Attempt to Modify Amendment

A good sized audience greeted Major Ebert at the Methodist church of this city last night to listen to his discourse on the bill being introduced by the Oregon Historical Society.

The Amendment would amend the United States. "A lot of intelligent people are falling for the wets propaganda today, and wondering if we should not have some modification of the 18th amendment," Mr. Ebert said.

"The trouble with these people is that they do not realize just what this modification as being advocated by wets will mean. It will mean that we will have the old beer of saloon days sold from soda fountains, groceries, pool halls and other places, to every man, woman and child in the country, without restriction, because the stuff the wets want to turn on the market, if they get their modification bill through, and the Supreme Court sustain it, will contain 2.75 per cent alcoholic content, but still it will not be an intoxicating beverage legally. Yet every one who remembers the old saloon days will remember that men did get drunk on beer and wine. If the wets would only come out in the open and state their case, the people of America could get some idea of the real purpose behind their moves, but they won't do that," the speaker declared.

Major Ebert pointed out that 93 per cent of the liquor sold in the old saloon days was malt liquor or beer, and that under the wet's modification program this same 93 per cent could be manufactured and legally sold as a non-intoxicating beverage, and that legally a man could not become intoxicated with the stuff. The people were warned that unless they woke up they would face a condition even worse than the old saloon days. In closing the speaker said, "I say it wisely, but I say it: I would a million times rather go back to the old saloon days, then to see the wets win this modification fight."

The picture, "Let Us Forget," was well received and painted a graphic tale of the distress and crime which followed in the wake of the old saloon and its beer and wine program.

Will Girdle The World in 24 Days

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—An attempt to better the record established by Edward Evans and Linton Wells when they traveled around the world in 23 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes and five seconds, will be made next Spring by Major Lester D. Gardner, retired.

Major Gardner expects to girdle the globe in 24 days. He will travel west from New York and will use only the regularly established commercial air lines without employing special planes, automobiles, trains or boats. Mrs. Gardner will accompany him.

Last summer the Gardners made a 21,000 mile flight around the commercial routes of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Albany issued building permits during 1926 amounting to \$262,432.

NEW DETAILS OF RAILROAD MERGERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Plans Call for Greatest Railroad System in the World

IS LEASING COMPANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(UN)—Wall street today pondered over the latest development in the railroad world—the proposal to merge the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Colorado Southern railroads into the greatest railroad system in the world.

Additional details of the merger plan given out today showed that it contemplated the formation of a holding company to lease the roads involved, but beyond that details were not reported.

It was said that the various roads would enter the merger could not be determined until next week's conference of the rail chiefs in New York, although other major details have been tentatively agreed upon. It was also said that whether the final merger would include the Burlington and the Colorado Southern remained uncertain.

These roads, financial men believed might not be included in the merger and still might be leased by the holding company.

There were indications of opposition to the merger by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul on the ground that it would leave that road in an unfair competitive position.

In 1924 the St. Paul was understood to have sought for itself consolidation with either the Hill lines or with the Union Pacific. Arthur Curtis James, now known as the heaviest holder of railroad shares in the country was considered the man who possibly would dominate the proposed merger. He is a heavy owner in all of the railroads involved, as well as in the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific railroads, which serve large amounts of western territory.

The merger has been under consideration for six years.

STATE BANK HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL MEETING

J. C. Kopper is Named Vice President of Local Institution

The annual report of G. G. Eubanks, cashier of the State Bank of Ashland, made to the stockholders at their annual meeting held on the 15th of January, revealed quite clearly the usefulness of said bank to the community.

The stockholders highly commended the officers and directors for their constant and faithful service.

This being the meeting of examination and election of directors. The stockholders by unanimous vote reelected the board which is composed of W. J. Moore, C. W. Banta, G. G. Eubanks, G. S. Butler, J. H. Fuller, Dr. W. M. Blake and J. C. Kopper.

Some of the interesting items in the cashiers report, are that notwithstanding the past year in Southern Oregon has not been considered a good business year, especially for banks, yet the State Bank shows an increase of 2 1/2 per cent in deposits, and the fact that this bank paid to its saving constituents as interest on their savings the sum of \$5,458.43, thus showing that its depositors belong to the successful frugal class. All in all the bank reflects a healthy very careful and safe management.

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