

DUE NOTICE IS GIVEN

MIGRATORY BIRD LAW TO BE ENFORCED BY GOVERNMENT

Sportsmen Warned That Regulations for Protection of Wild Fowl Must Be Observed.

OPEN HUNTING SEASONS.

- * Buck deer with horns, August 15 to October 31.
- * Silver grey squirrels, September 1 to October 31.
- * Ducks and geese, October 1 to January 15. (Federal law)
- * Rails and coot, October 1 to January 15. (Federal law).
- * Chinese pheasants and grouse, October 1 to October 31.
- * Quail, October 1 to 31 in Coos, Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties; closed at all other times in counties west of Cascade mountains.
- * Doves, September 1 to October 31.

With the approach of the open season for shooting wild fowl, the United States department of agriculture is warning sportsmen that the federal regulations as amended October 1, 1914, will be strictly enforced. Some misunderstanding has arisen from the fact that the various state laws do not always conform to the federal regulations. This is regarded as unfortunate, but in such cases the department must insist upon the observance of the federal regulations. The department will consider any recommendations submitted in good faith for amendment of the regulations, but will hold no public hearings thereon, nor will it amend the regulations prior to October 15, 1915. It is the purpose of the department to conform the regulations to the wishes of the majority of sportsmen so far as it can be done and at the same time give wild fowl the necessary protection.

The regulations prescribe seasons in Oregon as follows: Water fowl, October 1 to January 16; rails, coots, gallinules, October 1 to January 16; black-breasted and golden plover, jacksnipe and yellowlegs, October 1 to December 16. Insectivorous birds protected indefinitely. Band-tailed pigeons, cranes, swans, curlew, smaller shore birds, and wood ducks protected until September 1, 1918. Shooting prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

The deer hunting season opens next Sunday, and therefore it may be well for the sportsman to know the laws by which he must abide before journeying forth into the mountains in quest of this game. It is unlawful to kill any but buck deer with horns; it is unlawful to hunt at night; it is unlawful to hunt without having a hunter's license on one's person and to refuse to show the license to a game warden; it is unlawful to hunt on any game preserve; it is unlawful to disguise the sex or kind of any game killed.

It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs, as well as to lie in wait near lieks. No person is permitted to have in his possession more than forty pounds of jerked venison.

NEW TAX LAW EXPLAINED.

Collection Regulation Different From That Previously Employed.

The new law regulating the payment of taxes may be fully understood by owners of realty in Polk county, the following explanation is again given for their benefit:

"If one-half of the taxes on any property for this year, that is, the 1914 tax roll, shall have been paid before the first day of April, 1915, the second half of such taxes may be paid at any time before the first day of October, 1915, without any interest or penalty of any kind, but if the second half is not paid by the first day of October, 1915, then a ten per cent penalty, together with one per cent interest, shall be added.

"If in case there has been no payment or no half payment made before September 1, 1915, then on that day there shall be added a ten per cent penalty and one per cent a month thereafter."

Meeting of Prune Growers.

The prune growers of the county will hold a meeting in Dallas tomorrow at the instance of H. C. Eakin, president of the Fruit Growers' association, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of fixing a uniform price for harvesting the crop. As all prune growers, whether members of the association or not, are requested to attend this gathering, the attendance will doubtless be large.

Emergency Road Building.

When there is an emergency call for a first-class roadmaster, Dallas people might enlist the services of Captain Conrad Staffrin, who has proved his ingenuity, if not his ability, as a road builder. At and near a plot of ground owned by the captain, on the beautiful banks of the Rickreall, are several summer camps and many campers. Captain Staffrin drives his automobile back and forth to his camp, and each morning gathers a load of the men, who have their daily tasks in the city, to bring them to

their work. A short distance beyond the camp the roadway is in particularly bad condition, and the captain there releases his load. The guests busy themselves for a few minutes every morning at repair work and as a result the road is rapidly acquiring a smooth and finished surface.

MARKSMEN PRACTICING HARD.

Captain Staffrin's Men Hope to Win Honors at Clackamas.

Captain Conrad Staffrin is directing instruction in rifle practice at the national guard range each Sunday, for those men who have joined the organization since the last target season. Since the soldiers returned from their annual encampment at Gearhart two Sundays have been devoted to preliminary training and a number of men have been qualified, under the rules of national guard rifle practice, to fire the advanced, or record, course. The range will probably be given over to record practice on the remaining Sundays of August, under the direction of Captain Staffrin, who will exert every energy to bring his men to a high state of efficiency that they may be in a position to bring home from the annual state rifle competition, at Clackamas, in September. The officers of Company L go even farther than that in their hopes, and say that they will attempt to place at least one Dallas man on the team of expert riflemen which will represent the state of Oregon at the national competitions at Jacksonville, Fla., this fall. In 1913, when the last national competition was held at Camp Perry, Ohio, the Oregon National Guard team figured prominently among the best teams in the nation, and with an additional two years of training expect to at least duplicate the performance.

The rifle range used by Company L faces a growing orchard where, as the trees grow, much damage will be done. It is therefore expected that the target will be moved the next practice season to avoid this objectionable feature. The regular weekly drills of Company L will be resumed sometime next month, and prospects are unusually bright for a large increase in the membership of the organization.

BARNES FEATURES ANIMALS.

Three-Ring Circus Is, However, the Big Attraction This Year.

A splink, splanking new show, a new program—not so new, however, but what the time-honored features which have made the circus America's most popular form of amusement, are retained, are the promises held forth for the circus that is to visit Dallas on Tuesday, August 24. The circus referred to is the A. G. Barnes circus. In saying "new" show, it isn't inferred that the Barnes show is new to the people of Dallas, for it has visited here before and is strictly in keeping with the truth to say that its performances always gave genuine and wholesome satisfaction. The show's performance here recently were witnessed by large audiences and it is safe to say that they will again enjoy seeing the Barnes wonder-collection of educated animals.

Special attention is directed this year to the big wild animal features in which the largest groups of lions, tigers and bears ever shown are performed. Educated-Royal Bengal tigers, thirty acrobatic and comedy bears, the horse riding lions, bears, leopards and hyenas will certainly gratify anyone's appetite for the sensational.

Make Quick Time to Frisco.

Less than seven days of actual running time were required by Roy Hixson, a member of the Salem fire department, to make the round trip to San Francisco on his Indian motorcycle. Hixson came to Dallas Tuesday to tell his brother, L. B. Hixson, of the pleasures of the trip. He left Salem July 28, and reached San Francisco in a little more than three days, finding all roads passable to the motorcycle, although much construction work is going on in certain sections, making the travel through heavy dust very difficult. Selecting a different road for the return trip it took Mr. Hixson just a few hours more than three days for the journey. He describes the scenery from the road at the base of Mt. Shasta as being very beautiful, with a combination of colors that blend into a remarkable landscape, and recommends the trip to Dallas motorcycleists desiring an outing that will combine distant travel with pleasure and sight seeing.

Passing of Lester Fritz.

The funeral of little Lester Fritz, who died on Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fritz, was held from the Chapman chapel Wednesday. The lad was fifteen years old and was deformed from a boyhood injury to the spine, although the direct cause of death was tuberculosis of the spine, which confined him to his bed for several weeks before death came. The parents reside on one of H. G. Campbell's ranches on the Monmouth road.

Installing New Machines.

A new 100-inch mangle for ironing linen and a new and modern washing machine are being installed at the City Laundry by G. L. Orr, the new owner. Some delay was occasioned by difficulty in casting parts for the mangle and the machine was not set up at the expected time, but when the installation is complete, Mr. Orr says his plant will handle any washing as quickly and as satisfactorily as the largest city laundries.

OTHER RECORDS BROKEN

CROP YIELD GREATEST EVER GROWN IN UNITED STATES.

Estimate Gives Oregon Increased Production of 316,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Three billion bushels of corn, 1,500,000,000 bushels of oats and 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest. Record crops of rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay also are predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted 310,546,000 acres or 10,000,000 acres more than last year, to their principal products. The wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country, will be worth more than \$1,000,000,000, while the corn crop's value may reach \$2,500,000,000. Estimates of the principal crops, announced by the department of agriculture, based on conditions of August 1, show that all crops will be greater than last year. Interest centered on wheat and corn. Both showed improvement over July conditions, though excessive rains and cold weather in the central states interfered with threshing. Oats also suffered in these states, but in other sections the improvement more than offsets this.

Corn prospects increased almost 100,000,000 bushels, the principal gains being Illinois, 30,000,000 bushels; Kansas, 24,000,000; Oklahoma, 26,000,000; Nebraska, 15,000,000; Iowa, 14,000,000, and Texas, 10,000,000. Kansas showed a loss of 12,000,000 bushels in winter wheat; Oklahoma, 6,000,000; Nebraska, 4,000,000, and Missouri, 3,000,000, while Ohio and Indiana showed an increase of 3,000,000 bushels each.

White potatoes promise to exceed their former record production by 103,000,000 bushels and sweet potatoes by 4,000,000 bushels. Other increases over record crops indicated include tobacco, 28,000,000 pounds; flax, 4,200,000 bushels; hay, 2,400,000 tons, and rye, 1,300,000 bushels. Corn prospects fell 206,000,000 bushels and oats 16,000,000 bushels below the records.

The estimates give for Oregon an increased production of 316,000 bushels of wheat and 540,000 bushels of barley over that of 1914, the condition of the barley crop being reported as somewhat above the ten years' average. Washington estimates for winter wheat show an increase of 5,800,000 bushels over 1914 production and an increase of 2,400,000 in spring wheat. Washington's barley crop is reported in excellent condition, but the yield will be somewhat slighter than in 1914. Idaho's winter wheat yield is estimated as 1,078,000 bushels more than in 1914, while the barley crop estimate is for a yield of 870,000 more bushels than last year.

BILLIARD CONTEST IN SIGHT.

Dallas and Salem May Meet in Mortal Combat in Near Future.

"Tom" Cherrington, himself a past master at manipulating the frolicsome ivory on the green cloth, is arranging a billiard tournament between a quartet of Dallas players and an equal number from the capital city, the event to be pulled off some time following the state fair. It is the purpose of the promoter to pit Messrs. Frank H. Morrison, Walter Williams, F. J. Craven and Glenn Grant of this city against any four artists that Salem may elect to try conclusions with them, a series of three games to be played for the high score. While no definite arrangements have been made as regards details, it is understood that the representatives from each town will pair off, each pair playing 100 points, the highest collective score determining the result for that inning. This modus operandi would be duplicated three times on different dates, the score for the 400 points being used in deciding the championship. The first and last games, provided the capital players come across with an acceptance of Mr. Cherrington's challenge, will probably be played on the tables of the La Creole club in this city. We await breathlessly the signing of articles of agreement.

Road Laws Conflicting.

That the 1915 session of the legislature passed conflicting laws, was brought out by an opinion given out by Attorney General Brown relative to the time for county courts to settle road district boundary questions. Chapter 194 of the general laws of the 1915 session says that each county court shall arrange all road district boundary questions at the September term of the county court. Chapter 127 relating to road matters also says that these matters shall be settled at the October term of the court. Both of these laws were passed at the last session of the legislature, but Attorney General Brown holds that as chapter 194 was passed after chapter 127, even though both laws went into effect the same day, the law last passed would annul the former provisions in conflict.

Complaint Against Court.

Mrs. Etta Bush filed a complaint with the county clerk on Saturday against Polk county to force payment of a widow's pension, to which Mrs. Bush says she is entitled.

Mac Wins Tie Game.

The McMinnville baseball club defeated the Salem team Sunday in an

exciting game, 5 to 2. Barham of this city held Salem to six hits, while the visitors made seven hits from Keene. The teams were playing off a tie, and much interest centered in the contest. A number of Dallas fans went to the Yamhill county seat to witness the game.

Asked to Exhibit at Gresham.

Several Polk county stockmen have received invitations from the managers of the annual Multnomah county fair at Gresham to exhibit their livestock there during the week of September 14 to 18. In the invitation Phil S. Bates points out the fact that the Oregon State fair will be held one week later than the Multnomah county fair, and he suggests that those who show at Salem also include Gresham with their exhibits. There are decided advantages in showing at Gresham, and one is Portland's position as a livestock market, where exhibitors may dispose of any stock they may have at the Gresham fair which they do not care to show at Salem.

Still Without a Pastor.

The congregation of the Christian church extended a call to the Rev. McConnell of Hood River, but because of a delay in the reverend gentleman's mail he had accepted another pastorate prior to the letter reaching him. The church is, therefore, still without a minister, and is casting about in the hope of securing one during the present month. "No ordinary preacher can fill the bill," said one of the church officers to a representative of The Observer yesterday; "we have had men of marked ability in the past, and must have the very best we can afford for the future."

Investigating Lime Deposits.

J. O. Barr and his business associate, Mr. Cunningham, consulting engineers of Portland, spent a part of this week in Dallas and surrounding territory, in an investigation of the qualities and possibility of development of several large limestone deposits.

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