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SPORTSMEN FAVOR RIVERS COMMISSION

Charles Lockwood of Roseburg Elected President of State Game Protectors.

Portland.—Somewhat chastened in spirit as the result of the defeat of the "four rivers" bills sponsored by them in the late election but determined and harmonious, delegates of the Oregon Game Protective association met in annual session and unanimously adopted a resolution designed to meet the objections to the four rivers bills and at the same time accomplish the purposes sought by them. The resolution asks the state legislature at its coming session to create a commission of five persons not public office holders to control the industrial and recreational uses of Oregon streams and that two of the five members of such commission shall be representative of the sportsmen's interests.

The resolution is in line with one adopted at a conference of sportsmen, power and industrial interests called recently by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Delegates from 13 counties of Oregon were in attendance. The river commission recommended by the resolution provides that:

1. The commission shall regulate the diversion and use of water taken from streams.
2. The construction of dams or other obstacles that interfere with the free flow of the water.
3. Stream pollution.
4. Any other matter that affects the general public interest.

A number of other important resolutions recommended to the state legislature for its consideration were adopted after brief discussions, and unanimously.

The association also went on record against any attempt to put a law on the statute books to commercialize hook and line fishing for salmon, asked that the legislature set aside Summer lake as a public shooting ground, indorsed the project to make the Mount Hood national forest a game refuge and opposed any effort to re-consolidate the state game and fish commissions.

Holiday Week At Standard Theatre

Special programs for entertainment at the Standard Theatre for holiday week, begin Christmas night with the presentation of "Old Ironsides," featuring Esther Ralston, Wallace Beery, Charles Farrell and Johnny Walker. A short prologue, featuring the reading of Oliver Wendell Holmes' famous poem of the frigate "Constitution," written in 1830, will be presented before the screening of the picture. Mrs. Pinkerton will interpret the music score for the presentation of the photoplay at the piano. Regular admission prices prevail.

Metro-Goldwyn's gorgeous production, "Napoleon," Pola Negri in Loves of an Actress, and Colleen Moore in "Happiness Ahead" on New Years night, complete the holiday week programs.

Tomorrow night the Standard will take pleasure in presenting Colleen Moore in First National's fine photoplay, "Oh, Kay!" Miss Moore is supported by a star cast including Lawrence Gray, Alan Hale, Ford Sterling, Claude Gillingwater and Julianne Johnson. Sunday night Bebe Daniels comes to the Standard in Paramount's rollicking comedy-drama, "Take Me Home." It's a whale of a play with oceans of fine acting and photography perfection.

Disposed of Bean Crop

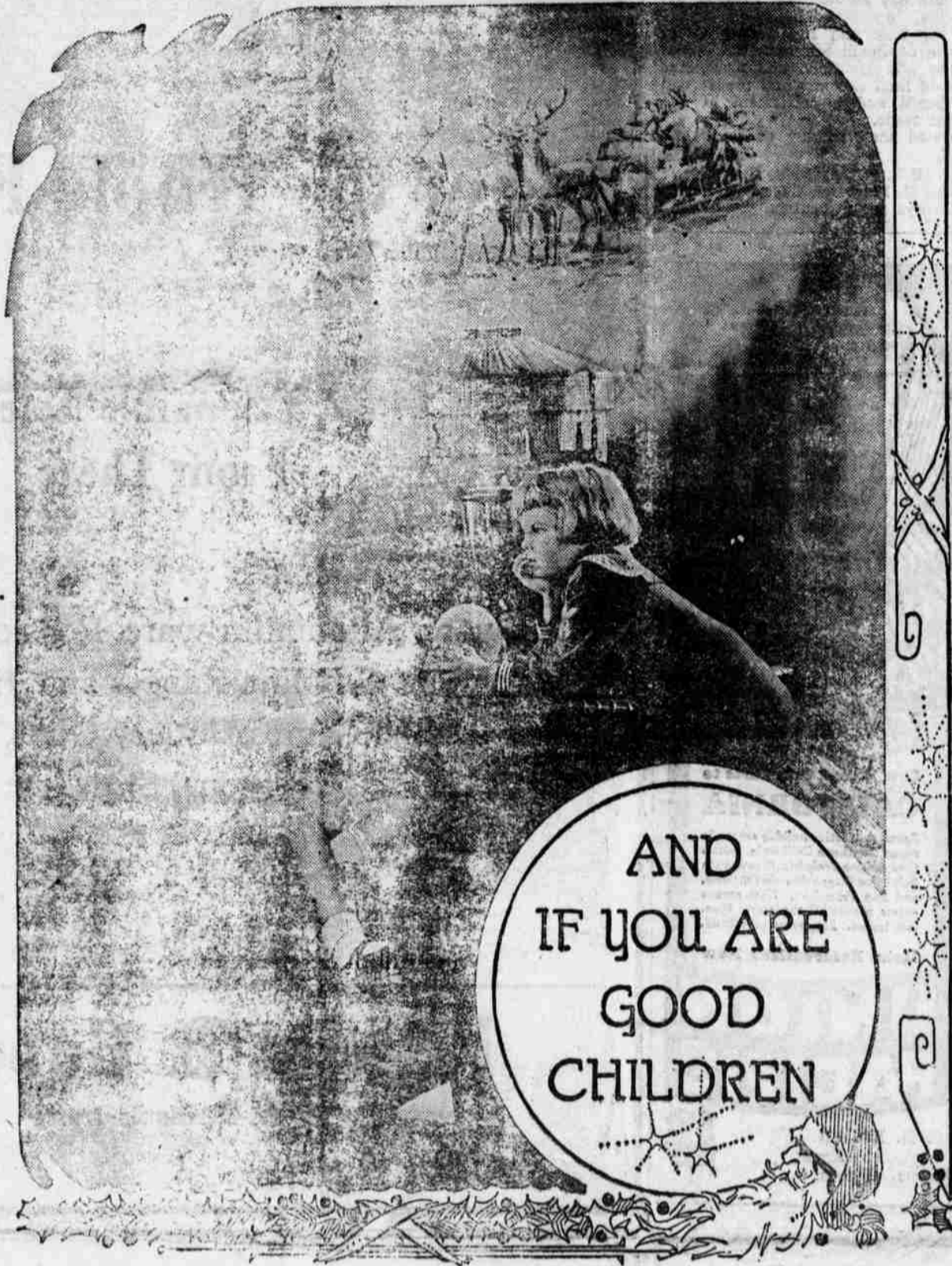
Weston Leader: Joe Payant has disposed of the major portion of his bean crop, about 25 tons, to the Skaggs chain stores, and the beans are being shipped by truck. Joe reports that he received fairly profitable returns from his crop, which was the largest—some 145 acres—ever raised in this section. The variety was Red Mexican and the quality good.

L. L. Montague Weds

L. L. Montague, former Athena resident, now mayor of Arlington, and one of the promoters of the proposed interstate toll bridge over the Columbia at Arlington, was united in marriage last week to Mrs. Sophia Douglas, widow of the late Frank Douglas, who was a prominent business man of that city.

William Boeber Ill

William Boeber was seriously ill Monday forenoon when he was stricken with a severe pain in his chest. Prompt measures taken by Dr. Sharp, attending physician, gave Mr. Boeber relief, since which time he has been gradually improving.



AND
IF YOU ARE
GOOD
CHILDREN



GOOD LUCK
CHRISTMAS
CANDLES
by ANNA L. NEWSOM

"BEG a thousand pardons," said Wade Woodburn, as he stooped and reached under the feet of hurrying pedestrians to retrieve some of the Christmas candles that he had knocked from the hands of Doris Marshall.

"It—it was unavoidable, I'm sure," answered the girl, who, too, was trying to salvage some of the fragrant waxen sticks.

"I'm afraid that most of them are ruined," Wade went on. "It was awkward of me, but come into Brownell's and we can replace them with others—so your party won't be spoiled."

"But we can't replace them—and they weren't for my party," said the girl, sorry that they couldn't be replaced. "You see, they are bayberry candles, and I made them."

"Make them! Then the fat is in the fire—or to be more exact, the candles are trampled under foot. What were you—where were you taking them? To some one for Christmas?"

"Yes, and no. Look's sell them for me—to order, you see."

"They were ordered then—and nearly all ruined. But surely we can buy some to replace them. Candles are candles, aren't they?"

"Please don't mind," pleaded Doris. "I'm sorry, but it couldn't be helped—and I can make more."

"Then get into my car here and I can run you home in no time." And Wade, taking her arm, directed her to his roomer at the curb.

"What direction," he asked?
"I live at 2240 East Vine—almost country—and it's putting you to a lot of trouble," Doris answered.

"But it didn't—it happened to you and me. But tell me more about the candles."

"There isn't much to tell. I thought every one in New England knew about bayberry candles. They are made from the leaves and berries of the bay tree, are fragrant and lovely to burn."

"But how do you—you can't get berries and leaves this time of year?"

"We buy them at various times during the summer as the berries ripen, and make 'em follow."

"Bayberry candles—don't they date back to the Puritans? And isn't there some good luck sign about them?" he asked.

"I thought you ought to remember," and Doris quoted:

"A bayberry candle burned to the socket
Brings luck to the house,
Food for the larder,
And—
"Gold for the pocket."

Wade finished the quotation with a smile.

"You have a fine memory," laughed Doris, "and this is my 'acre'—the gray house in the bay trees. Thank you so much for the trouble. It was very kind of you to bring me."

"But if you think my task is done, you don't know Wade Woodburn—and by the way, you haven't told me your name."

"Doris Marshall," she told him, as he assisted her from the car.

"You've got my interest all aroused, and now I'm going to help you dip those candles so you won't have to work all night to make good your loss."

"Indeed, you'll do no such thing—waste the rest of the afternoon on my candles with Christmas only three days away."

"Then you don't want me to help you—won't even let me have the pleasure of helping to replace something that I destroyed?"

"Of course, if you put it that way—" "I do; so let's go in and get busy."

Doris introduced Wade to her semi-invalid mother and told why he had come; then she led the young man into the spotless kitchen and provided him with one of her own blue gingham aprons. She set the kettles of bayberry tallow on the stove to heat, and then showed Wade the intricacies of candle-dipping. Soon he was able to do a pretty fair job of making the several dips between the first few and the finishing plunges, which Doris did herself.

For two or three hours they worked together over the fragrant wax. Wade told her of his days in Brown university, and Doris confided to him that she had left Miss Baxter's School for Girls for a practical business course after her father had died, and that

she had to give up her position as a stenographer when her mother became partly disabled from a paralytic stroke.

"This way I can be at home, and I can make as many as 800 a day if I work hard," she told him.

"Imagine making 800 a day, and how many times is each one dipped," he asked, "thirty-five?"

The delicious New England supper of baked beans, brown bread and Christmas delicacies Mrs. Marshall prepared almost alone. She pushed her wheel chair from table to shelf and stove with ease and dexterity. Bayberry candles shed a soft light and a pleasing fragrance.

"No wonder there is ready sale for them," said Wade. "They are so fragrant."

"And they bring good luck to all who burn them," smiled the mother,



"Send One to Your Sweetheart to Burn Tomorrow Night"

"even to uniting lovers who are true—if they both burn them on Christmas eve."

Two hours later when Wade was leaving, he asked for a pair of candles.

Doris had already wrapped a pair for him, so as she gave them to him she said:

"Send one to your sweetheart to burn tomorrow night."

"I'll be sure to do it," and they

both smiled as they

both smiled as they

Oregon State College Farm Market Review

There was not much change in the wheat and rye markets last week, although Pacific Coast markets were slightly firmer and somewhat more active. The volume of business continues small because of limited export movement. About one-half of the wheat in the Portland trade territory remains on farms according to unofficial estimates.

Exports of wheat from the United States, including flour, from July 1 to November 24 were only 85,918,000 bushels compared to 135,194,000 last year at the same date, or about 50,000,000 bushels less. Exports from Canada, however, were about 135,505,000 bushels in that period, or 60,000,000 bushels more, and for all exporting countries the movement was ahead about 36,000,000 bushels compared to last year.

United States wheat may be in better demand during the next few weeks before the southern hemisphere crop movement gets under way extensively. Although soft red winter wheat is selling at St. Louis a little higher than a year ago, and there is a great scarcity of low protein wheats this year, substitution of softer lots of hard red winter wheat by mills is tending to hold down the price of soft wheat. A good export movement of hard red would tend to improve the situation for other wheats.

Athena Students At Oregon State College

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis.—Athena is represented by two students of the 3463 students registered in the college. The total registration is almost 5000 including short course students.

Norman McIntyre is a freshman registered in the school of commerce. This course aims to train the student for service, efficiency and business leadership. McIntyre lives at Hawley hall, which is one of the five units of the new men's dormitory, and he is a member of the Hawley hall club, an organization of men living there. He is also in the infantry corps of the R. O. T. C.

Clifford Wood is also a freshman registered in the school of commerce. He is a member of the O. S. C. chamber of commerce, an organization of students taking commerce, and is in the infantry corps of the R. O. T. C. Wood is also living at Hawley hall and is a member of the Hawley hall club. He was chosen as the rook representative to the Beaver Knights for Hawley hall, each hall having one sophomore and one rook Beaver Knight. Beaver Knights is a chapter of the National Order of Intercollegiate Knights and its purpose is to instruct and advise new men students in college traditions and rules.

Turkeys and Mutton Bring Out Shooters

Shooters from Pendleton, Walla Walla and other nearby towns participated with Athena scattering artists in a turkey shoot Sunday on the local grounds. A number of turkeys were won by the shooters in the different events and choice mutton was also shot for over the traps.

Quite an audience was present. A big bonfire contributed by Bert Ramsay, chairman of the fuel committee, provided warmth and cheer for the crowd. A tent with a stove was the quarters where an appetizing lunch was served by Herman Geissel, chef.

Omer Stephens, Glenn Dudley and Marion Hansell were the prime movers in getting up the shoot and the event was pulled off to entire satisfaction of visiting gunners.

Boys Find Man's Body In Hills Near Wallula

The body of George Libbett was found in the hills, one mile from Wallula by two boys, George Warner and Robert Vail. The top of his head had been blown off with a shotgun charge. The coroner decided it was suicide, Libbett's hands being powder burned, evidently from holding the muzzle of the gun against his head.

Nothing is known of him or whether the name is correct. He arrived in Wallula recently and registered at a hotel as "George Libbett of Chicago." He borrowed a shotgun, ostensibly to kill some rabbits, and it is presumed he had intentions of suicide.

Horse Found In Cistern

A fine, big 1800 pound horse which was supposed to have strayed from others owned by W. C. Garfield, who is farming Mrs. Templeton's place west of Athena, was found in an old cistern and with the assistance of several men with ropes, was rescued. The horse had been missing for over a week, and all that time was in the cistern, standing in four feet of water, where it had carried a portion of the wire fence that enclosed the cistern. Strange to say the animal was not cut by the wire, and apparently is none the worse for its imprisonment.

TAX RELIEF BODY STIRS THINGS UP

Plans Diverge Widely, Relief of property or Auto Owner Point at Issue.

John W. Kelly in Oregonian) Is it to be property tax relief or automobile license relief? That is what the property tax relief commission wants to know.

The committee trying to relieve the burden on taxpayers is on the road for a head-on collision with Governor Patterson's demand for relief of old automobiles, and the senate legislative committee's plan for revision of auto licenses (horizontal and not exclusively old rattle-traps), both of which advocate another one cent gas tax.

By the time the "first committee" of the property tax relief commission had a few minutes' conference with the governor and a more extended talk with the state highway commission, A. R. Shumway opined that the only motion logical was one for the committee trying to help the taxpayers to adjourn.

The "third committee" favors eliminating the millage for state market road purposes, saving thereby about \$1,200,000 a year, which is a direct lien on real estate, and substituting a 1-cent gasoline tax.

The plan was further taken up by the "first committee" with the suggestion that the gasoline tax of a cent be used not only as a substitute for the state market road millage, but that the 25 per cent rebate which counties now receive from auto fees be used exclusively for retiring county road bonds, which would be further relief on property. Thirty counties instead of applying this rebate for bond retirement, use it on roads and levy a property tax to meet interest and principal on their road bonds.

A committee from the county judges and commissioners appeared and declared in favor of leaving the market road program as it is, but said "this body will favor any reduction in millage tax on real property that the tax committee may see fit to make providing that they will find a new source of supply to take its place." Insofar as the judges were concerned, they were in harmony with the tax committee substituting a gas tax for the millage.

Governor Patterson informed the committee that there is a demand for reduction on automobiles and "if the auto fees are not readjusted there will be something worse than the Dunne bills." C. C. Chapman replied that the "third committee" considers it more important to relieve property than to relieve automobile owners and that there is also a demand for a reduction on property which should be listened to.

Over the radio, declared the governor, he has promised automobile reduction and on the used cars. The legislature intends making a reduction and then apply a one-cent gas tax to take up the slack in revenues of the highway department. He opposed the idea of a two-cent additional tax, one for the relief of automobilists and one for the relief of taxpayers. The governor said he feared that unless the gas tax went to reduce auto licenses there would be a mix-up and throw the burden of the roads on property.

Walla Walla Takes Both Practice Games Here

The Walla Walla Eagles and the Walla Walla Jokers, teams made of players from Wa-Hi schools, took both practice games away from Athena Friday night in a doubleheader played on the local gym floor.

Coach "Pike" Miller used his full string of players against the two garden city teams, trying out several different combinations in the lineups.

The Jokers tumbled the locals over in the first contest, 38-21. The Eagles played the better game, but did not qualify so flashily over the combinations which Miller sent against them, winning by the score of 20 to 18, in a contest that was furiously fast in spots. Arthur Taylor refereed both games.

Installation of Officers

Joint installation of officers will be held this evening at I. O. O. F. K. of P. hall by Dolph Lodge No. 80 A. F. & A. M., and McKenzie Chapter O. E. S. The following officers will be installed for the Masonic lodge: Louis Keen, W. M.; Charles Smith, S. W.; Charles Kirk, J. W.; Louis Berlin, S. D.; Roland Morrison, J. D.; Thomas Kirk, S. S.; Fay Pamburn, J. S.; John Hale, Marshal; Samuel Pamburn, Chaplain; Reed Hill, Tyler. Officers for McKenzie Chapter are: Mrs. Chas. Kirk, W. M.; A. R. Coppock, W. P.; Mrs. E. C. Rogers, A. M.; Mrs. H. L. Watts, S.; Mrs. B. B. Richards, T.; Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, C.; Mrs. M. L. Watts, A. C.