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OPPOSES CHANGES IN GAME LAWS OR FUND TRANSFER

SALEM, Jan. 27.—Among those who arrived today to fight the proposed change in game and fish laws is J. W. Bennett of Coos Bay, president of a couple of banks, a trust company, and one of the foremost citizens of Coos county. He says: Protection Efficient.

Under the present law the protection has been most efficient in my part of the state," he declared. "State Game Warden Finley and R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, are efficient, and I believe it would be extremely unfair to take this money which the anglers and hunters have contributed and put it in the general fund where it would be difficult to get it back again.

"This money belongs to the anglers and hunters, this is, the amount contributed last year by them, which was \$115,000, also the hatchery fund in district No. 1, the receipts of which in 1914 were \$22,201.84, and in district No. 2, the receipts of which were \$11,880.29.

"Durir—the two years which the law has been in force it has done more to protect and propagate the game and fish in the waters of the state than any law which was ever enacted and I don't see the wisdom of putting this money into the general fund where it would be used for other purposes and might not be there when it was needed.

No Appropriation Asked.

"The fishermen and hunters aren't asking for any appropriation. They simply put this money up themselves and they don't want it mingled with any other fund and are very much opposed to the present law being interfered with. And as the ones who contributed the money are satisfied, why should the law makers undertake to put it to any other use, especially when such good work has been done under the present law?

"The present law is managed under a commission and these commissioners are not to exceed \$100 a year, and the five commissioners have never cost the state over \$1500 a year and all five, except one, are those who are interested in the protection and propagation of the fish and game and know far better than a legislature what is to the best interests for the protection and propagation of fish and game in this state."

BRITISH FLEET SUFFERS IN NORTH SEA BATTLE

LONDON, Jan. 27, 10:12 p. m.—The British fleet did not escape unscathed in the naval battle in the North Sea with the Germans last Sunday. The battle cruiser Lion, which led the British squadron and the torpedo boat destroyer Meteor both were disabled and had to be towed into port while one officer and thirteen men were killed and three officers and twenty-six men wounded on three of the ships—the Lion, Tiger and Meteor.

This information is contained in an admiralty statement issued tonight. The statement gives denial to the German reports that one British cruiser and two torpedo boat destroyers were sunk, by declaring that all the British ships engaged in the action have returned to port in safety.

The statement adds that the damaged British vessels can be speedily repaired. The Lion was struck by a German shell below the water line and some of her forward compartments were flooded. Details of the damage sustained by the Meteor were not announced.

Dayton is to have a \$20,000 mausoleum.

SNAP-SHOT REVISION FOR SPOILS.

A LARGE percentage of the members of the legislature are lawyers—therefore a large percentage of the legislation enacted is for the benefit of the legal profession—to make our courts more complicated and justice more difficult to obtain.

The last session increased the pay and the number of circuit judges to one for each county, ten new judges, but the measure was vetoed. Another bill created a probate court and abolished county courts. It also was defeated. The bill adding two supreme justices became a law.

The benefit to the general public of this lawyers' administration of legislatures, is shown by the fact that in twenty years the population of Oregon increased 100 per cent and the cost of courts 250 per cent. In line with this typical instance of legislative economy is the bill introduced by President of the Senate Thompson to abolish the county courts, and create eight new circuit judges at \$4000 a year each, and provide two circuit court of appeals, composed of circuit judges designated from time to time by the chief justice. The emergency clause has been attached to escape referendum, thus depriving the people of a constitutional right in order to create judges and litigation.

The county court is the last remaining people's court, where any person may appear unrepresented by an attorney, and where the machinery of the law is so simplified that justice doesn't require a maize of red tape for administration. It is naturally easy to figure why the lawyers seek its abolition.

The creation of a court of appeals merely lengthens litigation and increases its costliness. It renders two appeals necessary to secure final adjudication. Instead of simplifying, it complicates litigation, to the profit of the lawyers, the mulcting of the litigants and the taxpayers who maintain the courts.

While a revision of judicial procedure is probably desirable in Oregon, with a view to simplifying the administration of justice, such revision to be beneficial should be thoroughly worked out along scientific lines by a commission appointed for the purpose, and not a snap-shot, hurry up emergency effort to raid the state treasury for political spoils and increase further cost of litigation and public dissatisfaction with our courts.

A bill for such a judicial revision commission would be far better for the legislature to pass than any such treasury grab bill as that being now considered.

SPORTSMEN AND TIN-HORNS.

REPRESENTATIVE SCHUEBEL of Oregon City, father of the bill to transfer the game and anglers' license money to the general fund and kill the game commission, declared in the House of Representatives that "four-fifths of the so-called sportsmen are tin-horns."

As there are 107,000 license owners in the state, the assertion is a pretty broad one, but it serves as an index to the character of the man making it, and also to the character of the opposition to the game commission.

Mr. Schuebel cited the instance of a hunter in southern Oregon who killed two female deer as proof of his assertion. As a matter of fact, this lawless and law-defying element are not sportsmen, are not affiliated with sportsmen's organizations, and it is directly in their interest that Mr. Schuebel is working—to destroy efficient game protection and propagation and enable the poachers to roam unmolested.

The sportsmen's organizations stand for the highest standard of efficiency in protection and propagation, that our forests and streams may be abundantly stocked with game and fish.

The object of their participation in the legislative work is to the end that future legislation and the administration of the game department shall be directed toward the improvement and perpetuation of the hunting and fishing resources of the state, both by rigidly enforced game and fish protection, and by propagation and distribution of game and fish.

The sportsmen seek, by campaign of education, to inculcate in the public mind the sense of fair play for wild life that brings to the angler and hunter a sense of honor that places him above law violation.

The pot-hunter, the market hunter, the game hog, the poacher, are not sportsmen, but tin-horns and your true sportsman realizes more pleasure from a small bag or creel which has tested his skill to secure, than from a hundred fold greater returns requiring neither science nor skill to bag.

SIGN UP ONLY THE BEST.

THOSE farmers and land owners who are offering their poorest land for sugar beet culture, are not playing fair with either the committee or the factory promoters. Land to grow sugar beets without irrigation must be of the best, in order to assure a profitable return.

Signing up unfit land handicaps the efforts all around. It wastes the committee's time, and the time of the soil expert. It leads to the conclusion that sufficient acreage has been secured, when it has not and involves a great deal of useless and needless waste of time.

The sugar factory, involving nearly three-quarters of a million dollars capital, will not be located here unless the acreage necessary to secure a profitable operation is secured. It would be a foolish investment to sink such a sum of money and then have it left idle.

Unless the land owners wake up and show public-spirit and patriotism enough to grasp this opportunity—the greatest yet offered the valley—it will be lost and the Rogue river valley continue to mark time or slide backwards and the chance to raise a crop profitable equally to the farmer and the community, be lost.

Sign up your beet land and do it now—or you will lose the opportunity to net from \$30 to \$50 an acre where you're not averaging \$10 now.

"Putting the Pope in the Movies"

In the February American Magazine Cleveland Moffett writes the story of the remarkable adventures of a young American who persuaded the Pope to appear in motion pictures. The title of the article is "Doing the Impossible," and the man who accomplished this piece of work is James Slevin, who spent 18 months at the task. To accomplish his purpose, he learned Italian, showed the Pope all sorts of films—even made special motion pictures of the King of England to use as an argument—and finally succeeded in removing every objection. One man, a good Catholic, who tried to get moving pictures of the Pope, was excommunicated for his over zeal. Another spent \$150,000 at the task, and failed. Mr. Slevin succeeded because he was tactful, ingenious and persistent almost beyond comprehension. As a result of his efforts, Pope Pius X posed for the pictures, and 250,000,000 Catholics and others can see him in the movies.

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"There is no need of a souvenir," said the cardinal, "you will be pleasantly remembered here."

"The American insisted, however, that he wished to spare His Holiness future annoyance in connection with motion picture exhibitions, and had collected from various motion picture companies in America a large number of the best films that he could find, on all suitable subjects. These films (they were worth thousands of dollars) he was presenting to the Vatican with gratitude for kindnesses and honors, together with a very fine projecting apparatus. The Pope could now have his own motion picture entertainment.

"A few days later a note came saying that if Mr. Slevin would present himself at a certain door of the Vatican at a certain hour with his motion picture apparatus it was possible there would be developments of a nature that would much interest him.

"The developments were that he was allowed to take a motion picture of Pius X in an imposing ceremony. And on subsequent occasions he was given similar opportunities to take other scenes in the Vatican, other motion pictures of His Holiness in other ceremonies, and to take motion pictures in St. Peter's and in the Sixtine Chapel, motion pictures of the Pope addressing vast audiences from the balcony of the Vatican, motion pictures of cardinals, archbishops, royal chair-bearers, mace-bearers, trumpeters, chamberlains of the Sword and Cape, also the famous Swiss Guard, the Palatine Guard, and the Noble Guard, marching and drilling in the papal court. In short, he was allowed to get the pictures that he had come to Rome to get and that no one else had been able to get."

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HIGH SCHOOL FIVES LEAVE ON TRIP TODAY

The high school basketball teams left this morning on a tour of northern California and Klamath county. Games have been scheduled with Klamath Falls, Merrill, Yreka and Fort Jones. They will return to Medford Sunday. Coach Moore has been putting the teams through some strenuous work during the past fortnight and every member of the squad is playing in good form. A successful trip is anticipated. The following make the trip: The Misses Nellie Corum, Josephine Clark, Lorraine Cowgill, Mercedes Barber, Erle Stewart, Grace Wilson and Francis Bacon, Robert Pelouze, Windom Bacon, Howard Thomas, Eugene Narri-gan, Lloyd Williamson, Griffith Cowgill and Walter Brown. Coach Moore will accompany his team and Donald Rader will be taken as referee. Miss Mears, domestic science instructor, will chaperon the girls. Manager Hubbard will be unable to make the trip owing to the impossibility of returning in time to attend to his duties as president of the student body.

STAR Theatre

announces a special sale of admission tickets for

JACK LONDON'S

Valley of The Moon

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Tickets for four performances Friday on sale at box office at 10 a. m. Wednesday. For four performances Saturday, 10 a. m., Friday.

No advance in the price of admission.

Afternoon 2:15 Evening 7:00

Vaudeville

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MISS CAROLYN ANDREWS

Soprano

MISS FLORENCE CLARK

Violinist

MISS ENID HAMILTON

and

RALPH BURGESS

Latest Songs and Dances

Pictures

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Vita Drama One Part

THE GREAT LOVE

Biograph Feature—Two Parts

THE CLOSING WEB

FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN

and

BEVERLY BAYNE

Two Part Drama

ANY WOMAN'S CHOICE

TWO POP-UP FAIBLES

By George Ade

MATINEE 3:15 EVENING 7:00

CARKIN COMMENTS BUDGET PREPARED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—"I am surprised that you could get the matter in such small space and in a form so readily valuable to the legislator," writes John Carkin of Medford, to Secretary of State Oleott, regarding the budget prepared recently. "It far surpasses my expectations and is superior to those of the states which have the budgets with which I am familiar. It certainly reflects credit on yourself and your office." Carkin was the author of the bill passed two years ago requiring the preparation of the budget and had Oleott's support in securing its passage.

WAIT FOR WAR FINISH. PLEA OF TILLMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—An appeal to congress to go slow in expending millions for battleships until it can build in the light of lessons of the European war, was voiced in the senate today by Senator Tillman, chairman of the naval committee. He opposed building any dread-

naughts this year, despite the administration program, and offered an amendment to the pending naval appropriation bill which would direct the secretary of the navy to submit to the next congress plans and specifications for four battleships of a type most desirable in view of experience in Europe.

"Already the fight between the factions of the two opposition fleets in the North Sea has demonstrated one thing, that speed is of vital importance to any war craft we are to build whether battle cruiser or dreadnaught. The faster German cruisers got away from the British, but the slower Bluecher, although faster than any battleship we have, was sunk. And yet the general board urges the construction of more battleships. The naval registers give the highest speed of any of our battleships at 22 knots. If the contracts are once let for a specified form of ship any change which, in the light of experience might be thought desirable, would be a very costly affair."

The senator asserted that the war in Europe undoubtedly would explode many theories about battleships and submarines.

Salem Woolen Mills reopen employing 125 hands.



IT THEATRE Thursday, Jan. 28

"Folly of a Life of Crime"

Featuring SONTAG and EVANS California's Noted Outlaws

THE PAGE MEFORD'S LEADING THEATRE

TONIGHT BIG SEVEN REEL SHOW

First time in Medford.

Standard War Series

This weekly from the war zone is same as shown at the famous million dollar Strand Theatre, New York City.

Three Part Drama

She Was His Mother

With Violet Mercereau and Hobart Henly

Sixth Episode of

THE MASTER KEY

THE HAND OF FATE

It closed with a vise-like grip upon John Dore and Ruth Gallon.

It wrung their souls.

It tortured their bodies.

To break this hold of the Hand of Fate—to fasten it upon Wilkerson, their arch enemy—that was the baffling problem.

Gallon toiled, fought, killed for the child he loved.

But did this unlock the door to happiness?

Did the Hand of Fate interfere? It's a wonderful drama.

SEE IT.

THE MASTER KEY
By JOHN FLEMING WILSON
A Thrilling Story of Mystery and Romance

ONE PART COMEDY

Music by Page Theatre Orchestra

Admission 5, 10, 15 Cents.

NOTE—Friday and Saturday, another big box office feature, SAMSON, not a biblical play, featuring William Farnum, creator of Ben Hur.

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Lady Assistant
58 S. BANTLETT
Phones M. 47 and 47-JB
Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner