

RIVER WATER HELD UNFIT FOR BATHING

Willamette Condemned by Health Authorities.

FINLEY VOICES WARNING

Present Condition of Stream Held Detriment to Property and Menace to People.

Insanitary conditions in the Willamette river have caused condemnation of its water for bathing purposes by the Portland health office. Also people using the river for boating and other purposes have been advised not to touch the water, said William L. Finley, in response to a statement of Commissioner Barbur on the cost of eliminating stream pollution. Mr. Finley is president of the Willamette River Anti-Pollution league and is vice-president of the national chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

"Mr. Barbur overlooks the health of the people of Portland and Oregon," said Mr. Finley. "But when you consider the health of the people, you can't consider money. The river in its present condition is a detriment to all property along the stream and to the health of all people living there."

"I note that Mr. Barbur states that the water condition is not responsible for decreased fish life in the Willamette river. There is not enough oxygen in the water to preserve the life of game fish. The hatcheries are turning out small fish and their gills are easily affected. A large number of these small fish will never get to the ocean. The condition is affecting the salmon run and will exterminate it in time."

The survey made by Oregon State college, referred to by Mr. Barbur, did not extend below the southern end of Portland, Mr. Finley said. "It is reasonable to suppose that the stream pollution would be greater at Portland and below it. This is a thing the city must meet soon or late and definite steps should be taken now so that it can be done in time," he declared.

GAME COUNCIL CREATED

SPORTSMEN TO HAVE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Izaak Walton League and Oregon Protective Association Name

Officers at Salem Session.

SALEM, Or., July 25. - (Special.)-Creation of an executive committee composed of five members, to be augmented later by a general council of 20 members selected from representative sportsmen throughout the state to represent the Izaak Walton league and the Oregon Game Protective association in various matters of policy referred to the state game commission, was decided upon at a

Wandering Mountain Beaver Travels Too Far.

Oregonian July 31
Animal Killed on Visit to Jennings Lodge; Pelt Given Jewett.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 6. - (Special.)-Violating all tradition, a mountain beaver paid a visit to Jennings Lodge early Sunday, with fatal results.

As Mr. and Mrs. Carl Starker slept on the sleeping porch of their Hull-avenue home, the mountain beaver climbed to the porch and in doing so

created sufficient disturbance to cause the sleepers to awaken. Mr. Starker saw the animal, which he took to be a rat. He grasped the nearest weapon, which chanced to be a mopstick, and clubbed the little animal to death.

Mr. Starker was unable to classify the animal, so took it to William L. Finley, naturalist, who lives at Jennings Lodge. Mr. Finley identified the animal and marveled at its presence so far from the highlands in which the species is infrequently found. The animals are nearly extinct, he told Mr. Starker.

Mr. Finley communicated with Stanley Jewett of the United States biological survey, asking him if he wished the specimen.

Mr. Jewett was pleased to accept the animal, as he said it was the only one which the survey has in its possession. He is to have the animal stuffed and mounted and made a part of the government's collection.

The little animal, which resembled a rat, had large teeth, large feet, and a short rat-like tail. The pelt was more like that of rodents than of the regular beaver.

Oreg. Finley Off for North: 31

William L. Finley, noted Oregon naturalist, left Portland last night for Vancouver, B. C., where he will embark in a few days to lead an expedition of scientists to Alaska. The expedition has been organized by the American Nature association of Washington, D. C., to take motion pictures of animal life on Kodiak island and of whaling. Mr. Finley will be joined in Vancouver by Arthur M. Pack, president of the nature association. A yacht belonging to Campbell Church of Eugene has been chartered for the next month and a half for the expedition.

statewide council of the two organizations here today.

Following a spirited debate a resolution was adopted providing that members of the executive committee shall consist of the president of the Izaak Walton league, president of the game protective association, Edward Miller of Grants Pass, retiring president of the Izaak Walton league, and two other members to be selected at large from throughout the state.

There also will be a third committee consisting of 70 members, one being chosen by each of the 70 sportsmen's organizations in the state.

Waldo Anderson of Albany was elected president of the Oregon Game Protective association, while Chris Kowitz of Salem was elected secretary. The executive committee is composed of:

Fred Wegner, Portland; Dr. J. F. Thayer, Medford; D. L. Holgate, John Day; C. A. Lockwood, Roseburg; Burr Tatro, Oregon City; Dr. A. G. Prill, Scio; D. H. Moser, Salem; Al Cook, Eugene; Ben Hur Lampman, Portland; Robert A. Sawyer, Bend; Robert Ruhl, Medford; C. A. Sprague, Sa-

lem; Tony Kells, McMinnville; W. G. Hare, Hillsboro, and Joe Bohn, The Dalles.

Arthur I. Moulton of Portland was elected president of the Izaak Walton league. Other officers are:

O. D. Mathews, Klamath Falls, vice-president; William L. Finley, Jennings Lodge, honorary vice-president, and Edward A. Miller, Grants Pass, secretary and treasurer.

Directors of the league follow:

District 1.—J. A. Devenport, Ontario; Charles Zurcher, and H. M. Dubois, Joseph.
District 2.—John Ebinger, Tillamook; I. N. Gabrielson, Portland, and Benjamin Iago, Oregon City.
District 3.—Wilford Allen, Grants Pass; T. B. Daniels, Medford, and Edward A. Miller, Grants Pass.

NATURE EDITOR TAKES PICTURES OF ALASKA GAME

Kel Clark and Bleckon Chremide
Arthur N. Pack and Prominent Easterners Arrive on Yacht Westward

July 12-1931
Arthur N. Pack, editor and publisher of Nature magazine of Washington, D. C., arrived on the yacht Westward, Captain Dykeman, this morning for a fourteen days' cruise of Alaskan waters.

Other guests are Mrs. Pack, T. H. Wilson, president of the Delaware Mills company of Port Deposit, New York; Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Brown, of Waterbury, Connecticut; Mrs. George E. Beggs, jr., and Wm. Finley. Mrs. Beggs' husband is professor of engineers of Princeton university. He is now at work on the proposed Golden Gate bridge of San Francisco and is making a complete working model of the bridge in order to test out all the detailed plans.

Dr. Brown is the father-in-law of Mr. Pack. Mr. Wilson's mill manufactures chicken and other kinds of feed.

William Finley is the western representative of Nature magazine with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. He already has been cruising Alaska in one of Campbell Church's yachts and has taken a number of moving pictures.

"We have five moving picture cameras on the Westward," said Mr. Pack, "and will get Hasselburg for a guide and try shots at Alaska brown bear and other game and fish and general outing scenes. Nature's magazine has an appeal to sportsmen and those seeking recreation in the out-of-doors and we desire to present the possibilities of Alaska as much in detail as possible."

Mr. Pack visited Ketchikan in 1910 on the old steamship Spokane. He said the village at that time gave no hint of the present "young giant" known as the First City.

The guests, other than Mr. Finley, were picked up at Prince Rupert by the Westward.