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ILLEGAL HUNTERS LOSE DEER.

Judge Savidge Confiscates a Deer and Presents it to Hospital.

Judge C. R. Savidge, of Sunbury has turned his attention from judicial to executive activities in a remarkable way. While hunting for deer in the haunts of the Blue Ridge, his party came upon a number of hunters who had accidentally or intentionally shot a doe.

Knowing full well the severe penalty imposed for this transgression of the game laws, they fled and left the dead animal behind. Judge Savidge secured a game warden and told him what had happened. Then with the warden's authority, he took the doe to Sunbury. He carted it himself in a wheelbarrow to a butcher shop, had it dressed and sent it out to the Mary M. Packer hospital, at which place the delicate meat was served to the convalescing patients.

Consequently, although the law was broken, the transgressors did not reap the benefit of their crime while real good was done by turning the deer over to the hospital.

The law provides that where a deer is killed accidentally in violation of the law, it shall be turned over to a charitable institution.

Nation Employs 370,065.

The personnel of Uncle Sam's establishment is increasing by leaps and bounds, the total of all federal employes at present being 370,065, as against 309,141 in 1907, an increase in the two years of about 64,000 persons, or about 20 per cent.

These and other interesting facts are brought out in the official register, or government "blue book," for 1909, which shortly will be issued by Director of the Census Durand.

The new publication will show that there were 28,947 persons in the federal employ in Washington on July 1st last, the annual pay roll of them being \$37,541,255, an average of nearly \$1,300 each. This total will be temporarily swollen next year by the addition of about 3,000 persons to the clerical force of the Census Bureau, adding nearly \$5,000,000 in salaries during their appointment.

Thunderstruck Indeed!

While on his travels, he was thunderstruck at receiving from his wife a telegram which ran as follows:

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1909.

Washington is busy in the preparation for the Congressional session, the advent of the crowd that always comes with Congress and also the Waterway Improvement Convention which is expected in a few days. Some of the delegates have already arrived and the Convention will be the largest of its kind ever assembled in this country.

The President, of course, is busy with his message to Congress. He has deferred it to the last moment. His predecessors were in the habit of having the message prepared weeks beforehand and spending days in revision after consultation with the members of their cabinets and other trusted political advisers. President Taft is nothing if not off-hand, and it is doubtful if he ever spends a sleepless night in the preparation of a message or speech. He, however, has no lack of assistance with regard to those important National questions and measures which his message to Congress will emphasize and recommend. Among other recommendations, it is given out, will be the one in regard to the change of the Government of the District of Columbia. As is well-known the District Government has been for years in the hands of three commissioners appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate; but recently there have been disagreements and bickerings among the triumvirate which has ruled the District and the citizens of the Greater Washington, as it may be called, are clamorous for a Government with a single head supported by a corps of advisors, some of whom at least, it is recommended, shall be chosen by an electorate of qualified citizens. Universal suffrage is not desired by any responsible person in Washington. The city had a taste of universal suffrage, which meant government by refugee negroes thirty or more years ago and does not wish to repeat the experiment. The same negroes and progeny remain and are no better qualified for administrative functions than they were then.

There has been considerable talk recently about the extension of the territory of the District of Columbia so as to take in Alexandria and portions of Virginia which were at one time a part of the District. The re-annexing of portions of Alexandria County is not a local question but will affect the State of Virginia. The reason for re-annexation lies mainly in the condition of the Potomac River flats and swamps unclaimed which affect the health and appearance of the city of Washington.

The advance guard of the National Waterway Improvement Congress is already present in Washington. The session will convene at the New Willard Hotel next week. The delegates who are here report that public opinion is rapidly forming in favor of the policy for the development of the waterways of the United States. This Congress was organized nearly twelve years ago and has grown gradually until today every section of the United States has its organization and will have representatives in the forthcoming Convention which will be National in its scope. Governor Hughes expressed himself, recently addressing the Convention of the New York State Waterways Association, when he said the State should control these undeveloped water powers and develop them for the benefit of all the people in perpetuity so no individual or selfish hand can control the sources of industrial power. This Convention cannot adjourn without bringing up the questions which have agitated the opposing Pinchot and Ballinger policies and, although Mr. Ballinger has, apparently, hedged in his recent report and is to all appearances earnest in his advocacy of the preservation of the natural resources of the country, it is felt by those who represent the Roosevelt-Pinchot policy that the preservation they recommend is much broader and more radical than any ever contemplated by Mr. Ballinger.

The Department of Justice has under consideration a proposal that the Government shall enter suit against the State of Colorado to recover the value of 35,000 acres of mineral land which, it is said, passed into State control by fraud. Also, that the Attorney-General is preparing a suit claiming three millions of dollars from the American Smelting and Refining Co., of Colorado, of which Daniel Guggenheim is president. It is evident that there is going to be great activity, or, at least, a great appearance of

SHOP EARLY.

Do Your Christmas Buying Now, and Avoid the Final Rush.

There are a number of good reasons why buying Christmas presents early is a good plan. For one thing, the purchaser will, in all likelihood, make a better selection if buying is gone about leisurely. In the next place, the purse is apt to stand the strain better if the shopping is distributed over a long period of time. Last and most important there is avoided some of the inevitable crush which comes at the Christmas holidays, and what makes the season so painful a one for those who have to wait on the crowds.

No one anticipates that "buying early" will do away altogether with the excitement of Christmas shopping, and no one would like to see that done, but in recent years it has been strongly borne in upon humane persons that thoughtlessness and lack of consideration on the part of the public were imposing hardships upon storekeepers and their employes which they ought not to be compelled to endure.

It is possible in the few weeks which now remain between this time and when the season of active buying by most persons begins, for those who can do so to relieve the pressure greatly. Testimony to the effect that the early shopping movement has borne good fruit has been convincing, and there should be no discontinuation of it.

The Unpopular Queen of Italy.

"Queen Elena of Italy," says Kellogg Durland in Woman's Home Companion for December, "is one of the most unpopular queens in Europe. Her court, which, to meet the tastes of her people, should be bright, popular, brilliant, is really the dullest, the most stupid in the Western world. I have lived in many countries, and I am more or less familiar with all the courts of Europe, but never have I heard a queen so universally spoken of with disrespect and disapproval by her own court. Queen Elena, in an American phrase, 'plays to the gallery,' then retires. She garners the wheat and ignores the chaff. She is quick to figure in dramatic exploits, but reluctant to submit to the daily grind.

"Rightly or wrongly, Queen Elena has the reputation among her own people for being the stingiest queen in Europe. Apparently this is true. She patronizes almost nothing at all regularly, and if once in a while she lends her name to appear on a public bill, it usually means this and nothing more. As far as is known, she gives less to charity, in proportion to her means, than any queen. If the world at large appreciated to what extent she has carried her ideas of simplicity in dress, the glamour that surrounds her would fade. It is impossible to worship a dowd—especially if she be a queen, with all the splendor and taste of the world at her hand. I have seen her driving in the Campagna, or even through the streets of Rome, when I would never have believed her the occupant of her exalted position had I not known her. One need not be extravagant in clothes to be tasteful. Here she is in unfortunate contrast to the queen-mother who, still living in Rome, is always exquisitely gowned, and no matter how simply always with unerring taste."

No More New Orleans Molasses?

Iconoclasm is rampant in the Agricultural Department and the referee board is asked to wipe out the term "New Orleans molasses." It is declared that nothing can be found in the market which bears the least resemblance to what once was known as New Orleans molasses. It is explained that molasses-making processes have been revolutionized and that now three different grades of syrup are made where before but one existed.

As an offset to this contention legal authorities assert that any molasses made in Louisiana should be entitled to the name New Orleans molasses. Manufacturers outside the state seek to do away with that time honored designation, and the trouble comes from this trade rivalry.

You can't flatter a homely woman by telling her she is clever unless she isn't.

activity, by this administration in pursuit of trusts which it appears have in some way secured valuable franchises or concessions without any adequate return or consideration to the Government.

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