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THE GAME WARDENS

And the Manner in Which Some of Them Enforce the Law

A deputy game warden, on Saturday last, censured the editor of the *Mist* for criticizing his action in the arrest of the Van Dolah boys for what then seemed to be merely a technical violation of the law, and stated that it was the instructions of the State Game Warden that every violation of the law be strictly prosecuted. We quote in the *State Game Warden's* instructions and will add that violations should be impartially as well as strictly enforced. In the case mentioned last week, on the facts as we understand them, there was absolutely no violation of the law. Here is the statement given us by Arthur Van Dolah, and, as far as we have been able to ascertain it is the exact truth and can easily be proven:

Alan Spence went fishing up by the dam on the Van Dolah place and his dog ran a deer into the presence of the Van Dolahs and George Perry, who it was entangled in Van Dolah's poultry fence. C. W. Thompson was outside of the house and heard young Spence call to the Van Dolahs to come over—that he had a deer. They went to where the deer and dog were and took the deer away from the dog. A Mrs. Gray came and helped them through the fence with the deer. They took it to their father's place and put it in the barn. The next day Arthur Van Dolah went to George Lemont's, who loaned him a roll of wire and latched it down to the Van Dolah place, and they built a fence to keep the deer in. They had it about two weeks and took good care of it, and the day before it died they had it in the house all day.

For this the Van Dolahs were arrested and taken before the justice of the peace for this precinct, who, apparently without a clear knowledge of the facts and without notifying the deputy district attorney, who, under the law, should have been present and arraigned the accused, fined the Van Dolahs \$50 each, which they paid, and, under the instructions of Mr. Miller, the justice is holding the fine to give the Van Dolahs an opportunity to appeal to the Governor for its remission.

There never was a clearer miscarriage of justice, and if the State Game Warden sanctions it he should be removed from office.

But if the game wardens really wish to enforce the law impartially why do they not arrest the Portland "sports" whom, on at least two occasions, they have caught chasing deer with hounds?

There was the Lousignat case, where Peter was "personally conducting" some of these gentlemen over the hills and they were caught with the hounds in their possession near the Wallis place. Were the Portland "sports" arrested? Not a bit of it. The game wardens allowed Pete to be the goat for the outfit and he was brought into town, pleaded guilty and paid the fine. Of course it is assumed that he was handsomely reim-

bursed for shielding his employers, and it is not believable that the game wardens lost anything by their complaisance. For reasons satisfactory to themselves they let the principal offenders escape, and in so doing they brought contempt upon the law.

The Saxon case was similar. Sherman Saxon was on similar employment to that of Peter Lousignat, and his employer, when caught in the act, wrote out a check, handed it to Saxon, and told him to plead guilty and pay the fine.

There may be some errors in detail in the above statements, but they are substantially correct, and it is such work that brings the game laws into contempt. At best, fairly enforced, they are not popular with the farmers of the State, as they believe them to have been framed in the interest of the Portland Rod and Gun Club, and unless they are remodeled and enforced against the Portland "sports" as well as against those who cannot afford to hire "gats" to stand the disgrace of arrest, an initiative measure will remove them from the statute books at the next election.

THIRTEEN MILLS IN RAINIER

Word has been received by the County Clerk that the levy for city purposes in Rainier will be 13 mills, 3 of which is for water and the balance for general city purposes. Rainier has made improvements recently that have cost a lot of money, and the city is away in debt, but there is certainly a difference in the town's appearance, and no one can say but that the money was put to a good use. The main streets are all paved and the city has a fine water system. It takes a good live town to go in debt, anyhow.

Wm. Farning, believing that Railroad addition offers investors a good opportunity, has bought a good lot and states he will improve the same at the first opportunity.

Mr. A. B. Lake visited Railroad Addition Sunday and selected a slightly lot on Franklin street.

TO THE PUBLIC

We haven't time to write advertisements this week—we are putting in most of our time writing contracts for sensible people who have bought lots in Railroad Addition. During the last week we have sold THIRTY LOTS. The tract is about half gone and it hasn't been on the market but half a month. To all those who wish to make a small, but at the same time a very profitable and safe investment, we would urge you to make your selection of a lot at once, for the best lots will soon be sold out.

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St. Helens Improvement Co.

LOCAL BREVITIES

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Deputy District Organizer J. W. Armstrong of Globe returned recently from a trip to the Nealem Valley, where he put in a couple of thriving local granges, one at Elsie and one at Jewel. Both have a large charter membership, and will undoubtedly be a success.

Thoroughbred White Kellerstrass, Orpington and Rhode Island Red Roosters for sale by D. T. GERDES, Houlton, Ore.

Ten horse engine and two boilers for sale cheap. Inquire of J. S. WATSON, Warren, Oregon.

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Mr. Frank Wilkins is at present forced to make almost daily trips to Portland to consult a specialist in regard to one of his ears that is giving him a lot of trouble. He but recently recovered from a long hard siege with his left ear, and now the right one is the source of his inconvenience.

A fine line of Clocks at Von A. Gray's. Any one of them would make a nice Christmas present.

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JUDGES

MIZPAH CHAPITE, NO. 50, O. Meets in Masonic hall the second and fourth Saturdays each month. LUCY C. AY, W. M. ALICE QUICK, Secy.

COLUMBIA HOMESTEAD NO. 349, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, meets the second and fourth Wednesday night of each month at Yankton, Ore. Visiting members welcome. E. S. HINSON, Honorable Foreman, C. E. LAKE, Correspondent.

HOULTON CIRCLE NO. 478, Women of Woodcraft, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at Houlton, Ore. Lulu Allen, Guardian Neighbor; Anna Van Natta, Clerk.



COURT UNITY NO. 76, F. of A. Meets every Friday night in K. of P. Hall, St. Helens, Oregon. Visiting brothers welcome. M. E. MILLER, Chief Ranger; Leslie H. Combs, Financial Sec.

ST. HELENS LODGE NO. 32, A. F. & A. M. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. U. W. Clark, Master; E. E. Quick, Secretary.

ST. HELENS CAMP, NO. 10990, M. W. OF A. Meets first and third Wednesdays. E. I. BALLAGH, Consul, H. E. LABARE, Clerk.

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C. I. Hoagkirk, Master.

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Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County.

S. S. CONNORS, Plaintiff, John vs. F. CONNORS, Defendant. To John F. Connors, Defendant: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 24th day of February, 1910; and if you fail to so appear and answer within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her said complaint, to-wit: that the bonds of said defendant be dissolved, and the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication hereunder in the Oregon *Mist*, a newspaper of general circulation published at St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, by virtue of an order of the Hon. Judge Jas. Hart, County Judge, duly made and entered on the 15th day of December, 1909. Date of first publication, December 15, 1909. Date of last publication, February 11, 1910. COLLETT & COLLIS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice of Application for Registration of Title to Land

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, in the matter of the application of W. C. Nicholas to have registered the title to blocks 61 and 62 of the A. S. Helens in Columbia County, State of Oregon.

All to whom it may be due, are notified that on the 14th day of January, 1910, an application was filed by said Nicholas in the Circuit Court of Columbia County, for initial registration of the title to the land above described. Now, unless you appear on or before the 22d day of January, 1910, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

W. A. HARRIS, Clerk. H. B. NICHOLAS, Attorney for Applicant.

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